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Chapter 39 Recollection

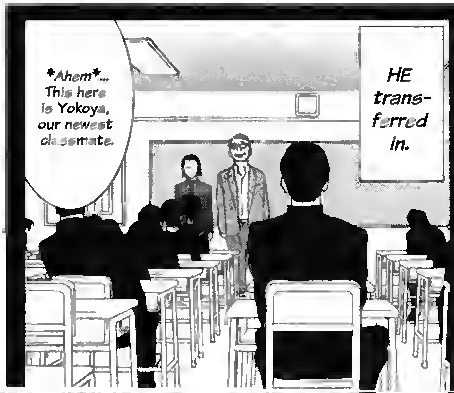
When this game first began,
and I saw him across the room,
I was like, "Why the hell is HE here??"

I can't believe it! A person like you Mr Kikuzawa... could be bullied...
Well... it wasn't just me...

I bet right from that moment, he had already started to plan how he could use me.

Trauma is a really scary thing
The second his face registered, I started shaking ...
...Thinking about it

Yokoya *alone* had managed to bully the entire school.

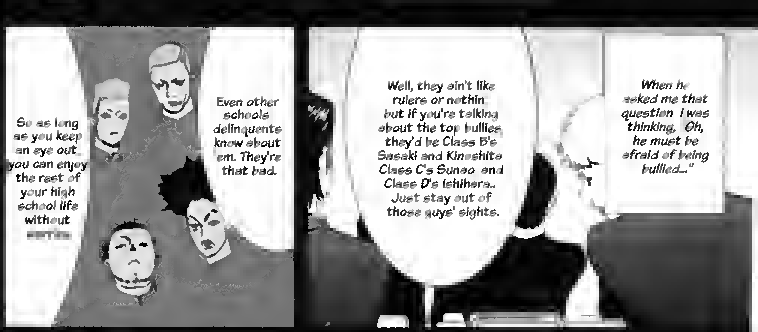

Ahem... This here is Yokoya, our newest classmate.
HE transferred in.

Five years ago, I was a third-year high school student. And one day,

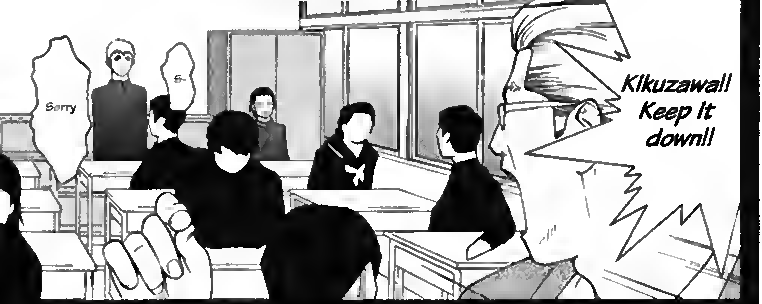
Like, "This kid's sure to get bullied in no time."
The first time I saw him, I had a hunch
And creepy to boot.
I mean he looked slender like a girl
All right, Yokoya,
Sure.
why don't you take that seat all the way back there beside Kikuzawa?
Excuse me.
Something's moving in his pocket!?!
Ugh!! What the!?
This guy gives me the creeps
Immediately after his transfer, he was already sitting next to me.

Who is the ruler of this school?

Ruler...!?
?


So as long as you keep an eye out, you can enjoy the rest of your high school life without worries.
Even other schools delinquents know about 'em. They're that bad.
Well, they ain't like rulers or nothin, but if you're talking about the top bullies, they'd be Class B's Sasaki and Kinoshita. Class C's Sunao and Class D's Ishihara. Just stay out of those guys' sights.
When he asked me that question I was thinking, "Oh, he must be afraid of being bullied..."

UWAAAH!!
No prob.
Thanks.

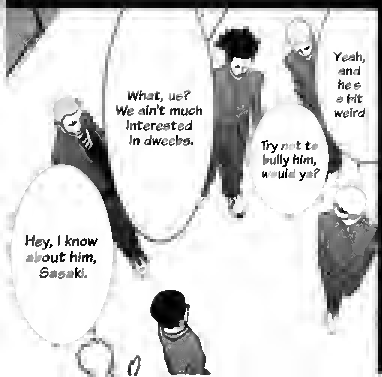

Sorry
S-
Kikuzawa!! Keep it down!!

They can give you a taste of the joy of what it's like to be in control

Mice are wonderful. They're the perfect example of subservience.

What the heck d'ya think you're doing, bringing mice to school?
I didn't mean to startle you.

His creepy grin from back then is still stuck in my mind.
...What the heck is he talking about??
...?


What, us? We ain't much interested in dweebs.
Yeah, and he's a bit weird.
Try not to bully him, would ya?
Hey, I know about him, Sasaki.

Heard there's a new guy in your class.
Y-, Kikuzawa.
Later, after school, Sasaki's gang asked me.

Yokoya Norihiko's his name.
He's loaded. His dad's boss of some up-and-coming credit group.
!!
He's the son of a CEO?
a rich kid? Now that's a different story!
How 'bout go introduce ourselves?
After hearing that Sasaki's crew couldn't leave him alone.
Sensing potential gold, they spared no time cornering him the next day.
Yo! Koya, buddy... Heard you've got some deep pockets, eh?
Could you spare a couple o' bums like us some financial aid, pal?
should I? Is that a threat?
Sorry, but I don't have a single yen on me
Like HELL YOU DON'T !!
Whoop-sie!
This your wallet? It was in your back pocket

WHOA!! He's walkin' around with 100,000 yen!
One, two, three...
Ngah--!
Can it!!
I need that money to buy another uniform...!
Sto it!!
!?
KA KA SHA SHA
Hm hm hm.
What was that!?
HEY, COME BACK HERE!!

You walked right into my trap, fools.
!?
I figured you'd come after me sooner or later.
Sorry, can't say.
WHO WAS IT!?
Just now, I got the exact moment you robbed me on film.
The second those photos are done.
I'm going to the police to file charges on extortion.

Right. And you guys will officially become criminals.

Police??

The...

Your lives are as good as over.

With exams and college right around the corner,

you'll be discovered to be guilty of extortion.

I'm not saying I want us to be enemies.

quite the opposite.

Right!

We find a more intelligent solution?

How about

But that'd be helping me since I'd be able to produce a medical report, too.

Hit me? Be my guest.

WHY I OUGHTA ...

I want us to work together.

!!
If you guys are really willing to be my friends I wouldn't dare say a word to the cops
Crash!?
I'll give you this much money in the blink of an eye.
In fact forget that pitiful 100,000 yen in pocket change

Or will you...
Will you be my friends?
How does that sound?
.....
In just two days after transforming schools,
Yokoya Norihiko was no ordinary p
make me your enemy?
he had managed
to seize control of Sasaki's entire gang.

And in order to solidify that power, he instituted an unshakable hierarchy.

By turning them into his subordinates, he now unquestionably sat at the top of the school's food chain.

Even if your rank was below by just one, you had to absolutely obey those above you. Those who refused...

The ranks were absolute.

Rank A was comprised of Yakeya himself from where he dictated everything. In rank B below were Besaki's gang.

A
B
C
D
E

It was a class system which ranked everyone from A to E.

...would be taught a hard lesson by the gang.

Around the time all this was happening, I had taken a week off. When I returned, the whole school seemed like another dimension.
Is it my imagination?
Things seem real tense around here..
Oh, Tanaka! Wassup?
I'm feelin' great again! Had a cold
How's that Yokoya kid doing?
Bet he's been bullied to no end, rig--mfffgh!
Cough
What the heck, man!?
Don't EVER speak badly about the king again!
...King?!
And also
you're in rank D.
You better watch out how you address me! I'm in rank C!
.....
Friendships and cliques had become nothing but a bad joke in the face of Yokoya's system

how brutal school became.

I can't begin to tell you

while others tried to hunt down and squeal on anyone opposing Yokoya.

So to climb the ranks, some would bribe the B group.

Everyone was frantic to raise their rank, even if just by one.

Anyway, if you were unlucky enough to be put into rank E, you were nothing but a slave.

In the end,

Even I was guilty. Thinking I was protecting myself, I sold out my friends.

Every day was nothing but cunning, violence, betrayal, and deceit.

there wasn't a single person left to trust in the entire school.

They became little more than his lap-dogs.

Yokoya was bribing 'em!

You're probably thinking, since it got that bad, there's no way the teachers would stay quiet, right?

Well, about that...

the school seemed doomed for oblivion,

Under Yokoya's reign of terror, which even the teachers tolerated,

with King Yokoya getting a kick out of it all

is what you'd assume.

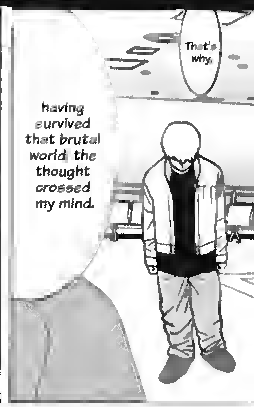
"Now that Yokoya's gone, peace must have returned..."

So basically he dropped out of sight.

Strangely he transferred out after four months right before graduation

The school was thrown into chaos.

But as a matter of fact, it turned into a bloody battle for the vacant top spot.



Since Yokoya knew that, when he confronted me in the customs office,

do you want to feel what it's like to rule over others?

Kikuzawa.

If you join me, you can rule over everyone in your team.

Huh?

Well?

Um

Since I know Yokoya better than anyone here, I can tell you this

His lust for power was why he abused us so badly...

I agreed to help him.

In just 30 seconds from entering that room,

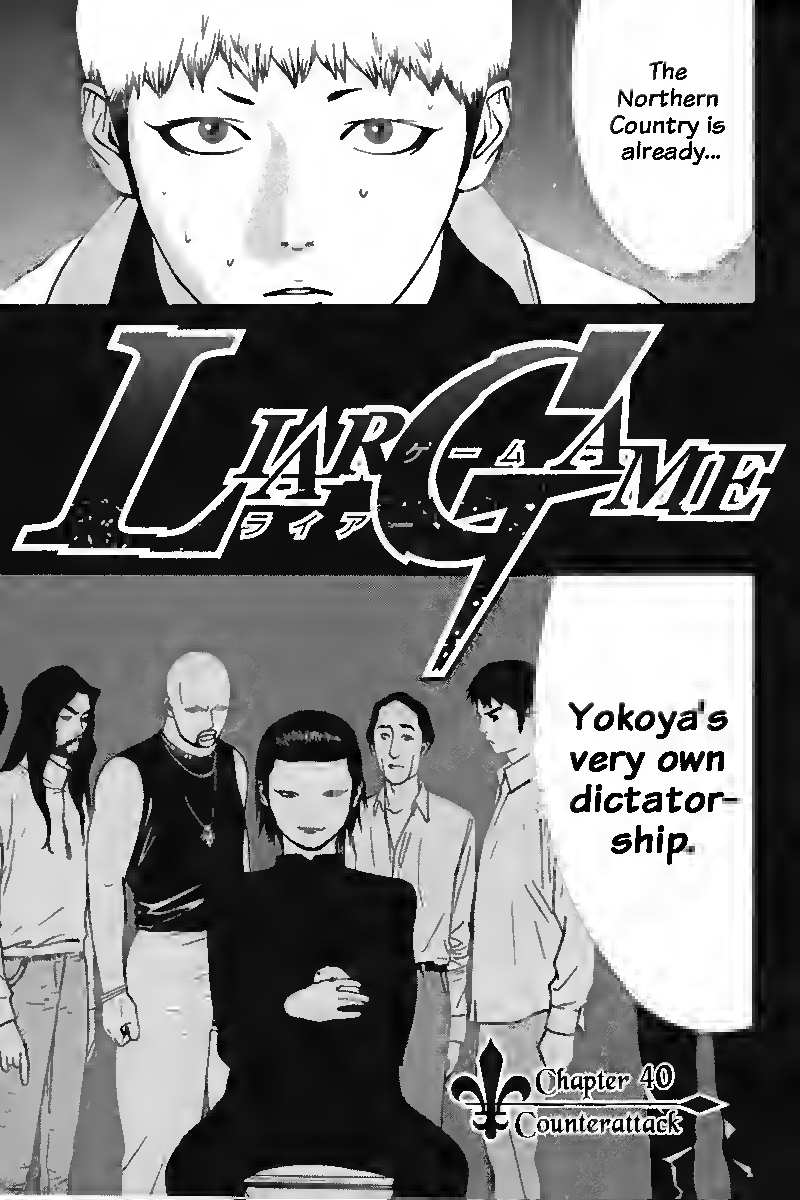
I didn't need 10 minutes to think about it,

Yokoya probably... no, definitely

has everyone in the "Northern Country" in the palm of his hand.

Yokoya's very own...

dictator-ship.


The Northern Country is already...
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Yokoya's very own dictatorship.
Chapter 40
Counterattack

He shows no mercy at all.

Yokoya's get more than just a lust for power

dictatorship!?

Yokoya's —

Yokoya, all the people around him

are either enemies or slaves

and nothing else.

that seems to make sense.

Well

With that line, all the pieces fit.

"This game is about DOMINATION."

!!

When she was up against Yokoya, he apparently told her,

If Yokoya was in full control of the team... or in other words, if he could control the players as well as the entire team's funds,

and just get one member of the opposing team on his side, he could easily dominate the entire game.

No doubt that was Yokoya's influence too.

Remember how the other team lost no time carrying 100 million?

Tee-hee!

So in a way, getting Yokoya to volunteer that information was a fine play on our part.

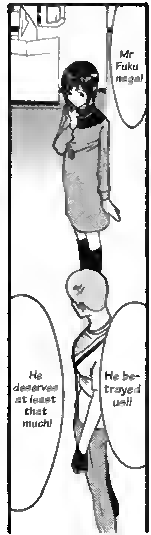
So logically, that means the Northern Country was already under his complete control right off the bat!

...Well then

these are the facts I'm sure of.

...Although they're not much

what do we do with the traitor?



ME THREE!!
ME TOO!
So let ME get the first 20 hits on him!!
H-hold on...
CHIBA

It's true that Mr. Kikuzawa betrayed us, but Mr. Akiyama saw through it and helped us turn things around in our favor
91.12 million + (91.11 million / 2) = 136,675,000 Gained!

I understand your feelings...
but let's think this over calmly

Umm...
Kikuzawa only sabotaged us!!
Yeah, but that's all thanks to Akiyama!
CHIBA

Mr. Kikuzawa, weren't you writing promissory notes for people who won your little games?
Please write new ones to divide the money up for everyone.
O-Okay...

Then how about we do this? All the money Mr. Kikuzawa earned from his betrayal — 290 million — will be divided among us all. Obviously, he won't get any of it at all

And with this...

I'd like for the rest of you to forgive him.

WHAT ?!

...So,

.. No, really?

that Mr Yokoya is a very smart person.

after listening to his story, I get the sense

I understand your feelings, but..

B-but he used me as a footrest!!

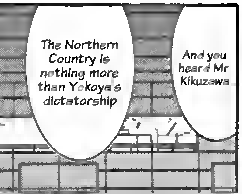
I'm sure that Mr. Yokoya

thought this plan through, even past it being discovered by us.

!!

It's hard to believe that such a person would be content with only this one plan.

He was able to gain control of an entire school in under a week.



his team is undivided.

In other words,

That's why we have to forgive him, no matter how hard it is for us.

If everyone here gives in to his impulses, hitting and injuring Mr Kikuzawa, he'll start thinking of how to betray us again.

...

.....

CHIBA

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The first side to break apart loses!!

Regardless of anything else, this is a TEAM game.

Thank you so much, everyone!!

Why are YOU thanking them??

Me too!

I guess...

Yeah, Kikuzawa seriously pissed me off, but since we're getting the money, I guess I can look the other way.

...Th-

but I do hate Yokoya more.

I'm furious with Kikuzawa...

Mr. Fukunaga!

Mr Kikuzawa,

Please don't ever forget the significance of what they've done.

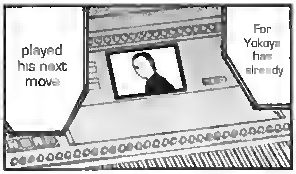
despite the terrible things you've put them through, the whole team is willing to forgive you.

Kanzaki Nao has actually managed to prevent the Southern Country from coming apart.

Hou

This girl is certainly

interest-ing!



If they don't stop him fast,

there'll be no way to turn this game around.

But to be honest, there was still a lingering air that the others still hadn't completely forgiven him.

Southern Country's subsequent rotation

game 14
(I) Fukunaga
↓
(S) Fukunaga
game 15
(I) Tsunoda
↓
(S) Tsunoda
game 16
(I) Eda
↓
(S) Eda
game 17
(I) Akiyama

Also, we took one of his turns to be the smuggler.

※(I) = Inspector
(S) = Smuggler

As a penalty, the money that Mr. Eda had "won" was still given to him, but out of Mr. Kikuzawa's earnings.

His money was evenly divided among the 8 of us.

But it wasn't long before that changed.

!!

No... way!!!

Oooh! The inspector has called DOUBT!! And what of the trunk...?

DOUBT. 100 MILLION.

100 MILLION!

WOOO-OAH!

The Southern Country has successfully halted a smuggling attempt at 100 million!!
SUPERB —!
Hell yeah!!

But if I had to say something, then...

I don't have one.

Secret?

Mr Fukunaga what was your secret??

You're amazing!!

A-Awesome!!

You did it, Fukunaga!!

I showed some backbone.

To prove my point, think back to Kikuzawa's stomachache. When Eda went in his place, the other side walked right through with 100 million.

And I'm sure they're thinking there isn't anyone else besides him who'd do it.

Our opponents know that fact well.

that not a single person in our team besides Akiyama has called "Doubt."

Everyone was so distracted with Yokoya and Kikuzawa

I called doubt on 100 million even if that meant I'd lose.

Because I wanted to break the idea that Akiyama's the only threat on our team,

According to our rotation list, you're up next as smuggler, Fukunaga

Right.

CHECK IT OUT!!

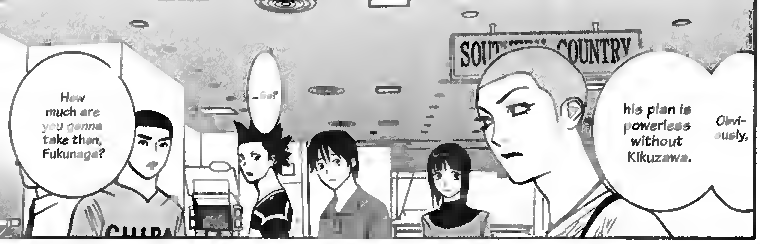
H-HEY!!

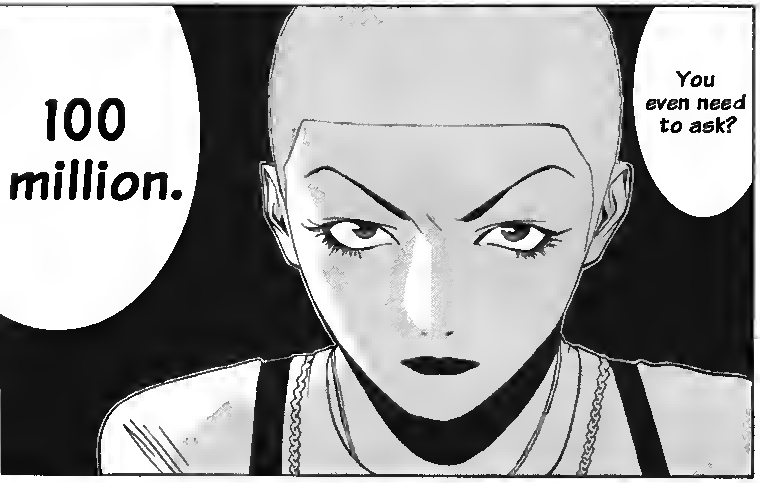
Mr Fukunaga...

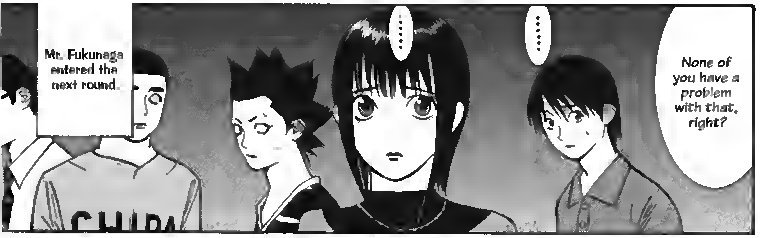
Likewise, if I'm too chicken to carry any money, that'd be exactly what Yokoya wants, no?

ain't Yokoya no more!!

The Northern Country's inspector...


How much are you gonna take than, Fukunaga?
his plan is powerless without Kikuzawa.
Obviously.


100 million.
You even need to ask?


Ms. Fukunaga entered the next round.
None of you have a problem with that, right?

And the result was...

PASS.

100 MILLION —!!

Aaaand so... what's inside the trunk?

WOO-OOO-OOAH !!

ガバッ

SPECTACULAR!! This time, the Southern Country has succeeded in smuggling 100 million yen!!!

YEAA—

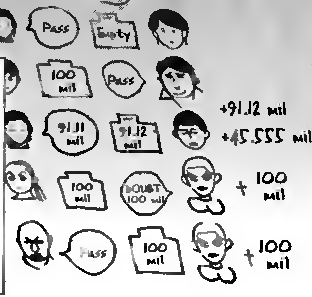
AAAH!!!

Thanks to Mr. Fukunaga's hard work,

the Southern Country earned 200 million in no time at all.

our team is in the lead!

For the first time since the start of the Contraband Game,



The current totals are now 751,675,000 to 419,485,000 yen.

+419,485,000 Northern Country total +751,657,000 Southern Country total

We can win this !!!

We're in the green! Yokoya can't touch us!

YESSS!! WE DID IT!!

This turn of events... is very bad.

This is bad.

No

Ho ho ho. The Southern Country's team is certainly in high spirits

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Chapter 41
Unrest

By Mr. Fukunaga's efforts, for the first time since the start of the Contraband Game,

our team was in the lead!

+419,485,000

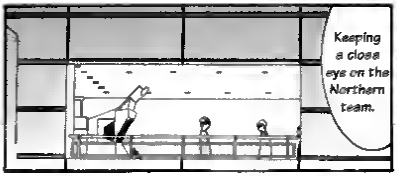
Outside country's bank account

1,519,485,000

+751,675,000

1,651,675,000

(+900 million Already deposited)


Keeping a close eye on the Northern team.

Mr. Akiyama!
What are you doing?

But I highly doubt he's now just sitting around twiddling his thumbs...
Yokoya failed to show himself in the customs room after Kikuzawa's little charade was blown

he's sure to make his next move.
if he is truly the enemy team's dictator, as Kikuzawa explained,

Oh... whoops... It's already time for the next team meeting, huh.

What's up to smuggle, again?

Mr. Tsunoda is.

But, um...

The meeting ...

is already over.

It's over?

You don't know? What does that mean?

Wasn't the point of these meetings to determine how much money to take?

W- Well...

Okay, so?

How much is Tsunoda going to take?

Well,

I don't know.

He made a suggestion –

Akiyama isn't here yet... but why don't we come to a consensus while we wait?

Yeah, huh, about that...

How 'bout we leave the amount to take up to the smuggler for a while?

HUH!?

I mean, look, our team's got like a 300 million lead anyway, right?

So the most important thing we gotta do is protect our precious lead!

That sounds like a good idea to me!

Me too!

Gng ...!!

All I'm saying is we leave the DECISION to carry money up to the smuggler!!

H-Hey! It's not like I'm saying we won't carry any money!!

You're all a bunch of spineless wimps!!

We've gotta protect the lead you risked your neck to get, Fukunaga! Y'know, to show our... appreciation!!

All we're saying is that since our team's winning we need to be cautious!!

We'll take money!! The trick is just to decide when the time's right!!

All except Mr. Fukunaga...

...

Everyone agreed with that?

... And?

Great. Now, nobody's going to carry any cash.

Pass.

And that's exactly what happened ...

And just what's inside the Southern Country's trunk..!?

Aaah!! The Northern Country has declared pass!!

IT'S EMPTY !!!

The Southern Country didn't even make an attempt to smuggle!

Too bad!

SOUTHER

Darn

Pass.

Game 16, Southern Country's turn to smuggle

!!

The trunk is completely empty!!

Aaaah! Yet once again ..

There's nothing to get so worked up over.

YOU DAMN MORONS !!!

...

...

The repeated exchange of "pass" and "empty" means this game isn't going aaaanywhere!

These last two games have ended in nothing but stalemates!

CHIBA

In other words, we've managed to guard our 300 million lead!

Empty
Pass
Pass
Empty
Empty
Pass
Pass
Empty

These last four turns haven't changed our standing one bit.

It's EMPTY!

Pass

The next inspector was Mr. Akiyama, but that turn, too, failed to bring any change.

We will thus take this moment to announce the current team standings!

Sooooo! This marks the end of the 16th game! Out of the total of 50 games, we are about 1/3 to the end!

!?

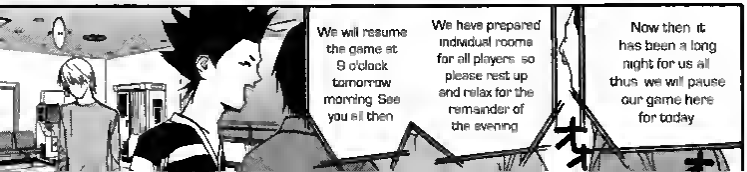
If I may direct everyone's attention to the electronic scoreboard over here

MARINERS

At present, the Southern Country is in the lead!!
Outside Country's Bank Account
Northern Country
1,319,485,
The score is 1,319,485,000 yen for the Northern Country and 1,651,675,000 yen for the Southern Country!!
Southern Country
1,651,675,00

As I mentioned earlier, only 16 of the 50 rounds have passed.
It's still too early to celebrate, ladies and gentlemen.
Right on!!

displayed on this scoreboard ONLY at the conclusion of ALL 50 rounds!!
The true winner will be the team with the highest earnings.


We will resume the game at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning. See you all then.
We have prepared individual rooms for all players, so please rest up and relax for the remainder of the evening.
Now then, it has been a long night for us all, thus we will pause our game here for today.

Sorry to bother you, but could you go gather everyone for me?

O-Okay

This is bad.

!!

Since we were so distracted by Yokoya's little magic show, we had little time to think carefully about this game.

Calm down.

Dude, I'm beat...

Why'd you call us here?

Goal? That's obvious, man. To win and make money.

Hmm

What is YOUR ultimate goal for this game?

Getting right to the point.

I want to check with you guys that we all have a clear understanding of what the "Contraband Game" is really about.

Huh !?

What kinda question is that? Both! If you don't win, you can't make money, right?

You want to win? Or make money?

What about you?

!?

You're all mistaken in having that seemingly common-sense thinking.

I was afraid so...

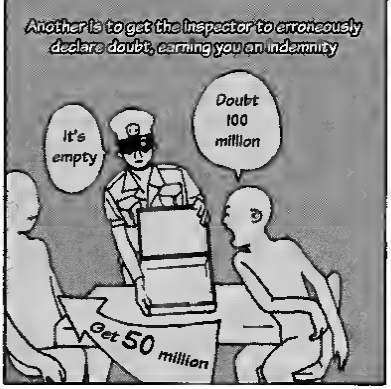
Remember, there are multiple way to increase the amount of money in the outside bank account

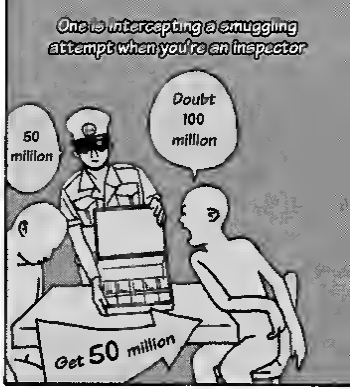
There are 50 chances to smuggle.

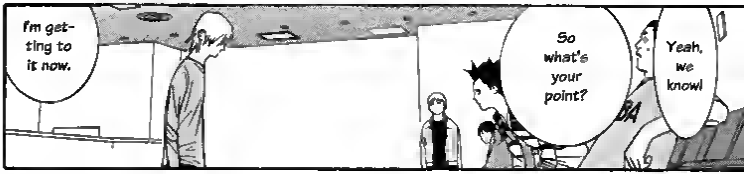
And the team with the highest amount of money in the outside country's bank account is declared the winner.

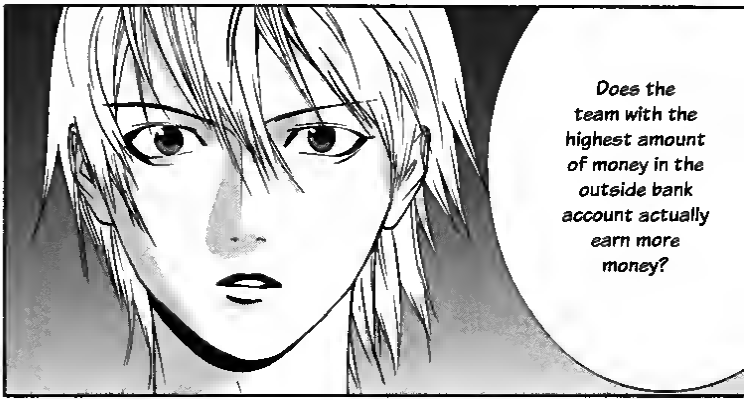
Reflect back on the rules at the start of the game.

Let's think... the Contraband Game is basically about taking money from an enemy country's ATM, slipping through the customs inspection, and depositing that cash in some outside country's bank account... right?

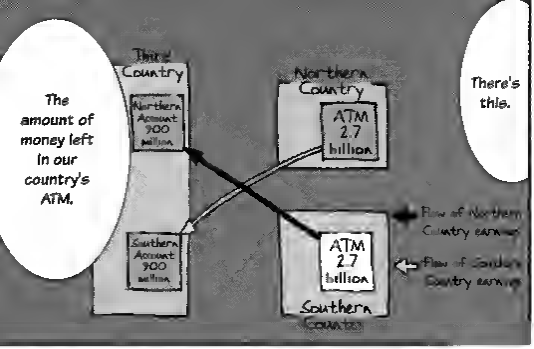

Another is to get the inspector to erroneously declare doubt, earning you an indemnity
It's empty
Doubt 100 million
Get 50 million

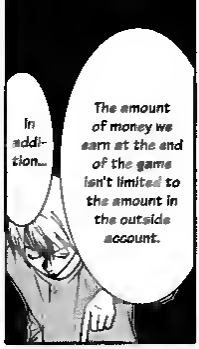

One is intercepting a smuggling attempt when you're an inspector
50 million
Doubt 100 million
Get 50 million


I'm getting to it now.
So what's your point?
Yeah, we know!


Does the team with the highest amount of money in the outside bank account actually earn more money?

Fufufu, I take it you remember.
AAH!!
...Wait...
That's a no-brainer.
Huh?

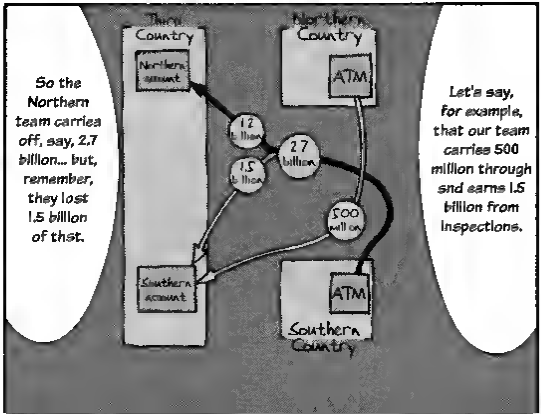

The amount of money left in our country's ATM.
Third Country
Northern Account 900 million
Southern Account 900 million
Northern Country
ATM 2.7 billion
There's this.
ATM 2.7 billion
Southern Country
Flow of Northern Country earnings
Flow of Southern Country earnings


In addition...
The amount of money we earn at the end of the game isn't limited to the amount in the outside account.

The important factor, then, is not what numbers are on the electronic scoreboard, but this: the numbers hidden behind the shadow of our outside bank account.
At the conclusion of the game, the remaining money that the enemy failed to remove from our ATM is equally split among our team's members.

It's going to become a HUGE problem.
If we neglect this situation,

Umm ...
So what would the score be?


So the Northern team carries off, say, 2.7 billion... but, remember, they lost 1.5 billion of that.
Third Country
Northern account
Southern account
Northern Country
ATM
1.2 billion
1.5 billion
2.7 billion
500 million
ATM
Southern Country
Let's say, for example, that our team carries 500 million through and earns 1.5 billion from inspections.

Northern Country:

Amount already in the outside account at start — Amount carried — Amount lost to southern country

0.9+2.7-1.5=2.1 billion

Southern Country:

Amount already in the outside account at start — Amount carried — Amount taken during inspections

0.9+0.5+1.5=2.9 billion

The Northern Country has 2.1 billion, and the Southern Country has 2.9 billion.

The Southern Country by a long shot...

Who wins?

Naturally, the Southern Country doesn't earn a single yen either

However, the Northern Country carried 2.7 billion, so there isn't a single yen left in their ATM

2.7 billion

zero

ATM

Southern Country

The entire amount goes right to the Northern Country.

Northern Country 2.1 billion

ATM

500 million

Flow of Southern Country's money

The Southern Country only carried half a billion, meaning there's 2.2 billion still in the ATM.

Northern Country

Northern amount

ATM

1.2 billion

1.5 billion

2.7 billion

500 million

Southern amount

ATM

Southern Country

Okay, but don't forget the money left behind at the end of the game.

Northern Country:

2.1+2.2=4.3 billion

Southern Country:

2.9+0=2.9 billion

U-Uh...

So now, how much money does each team make?

The Northern team is up 700 million, whereas the Southern team is 700 million in debt!

After returning the 3.6 billion each given to the teams at the start of the game, that means...

While on the other hand, the Southern Country is forced to proceed to the next round, all the while shouldering greater debt.

And that's not all. Because the Northern team lost, they get to easily drop out of the game with their 700 million souvenir to take home.

The losing Northern team finishes with a profit, whereas the supposedly winning team gets hammered with a 700 million debt!

Strange, isn't it?

Or not?

SOUTHERN COUNTRY

What is it you're aiming for? To win...?

Back to our starting question.

The ideal situation in this game is, in actuality, successfully smuggling as much as possible, while still losing the overall game.

This shows where the money's presently gone at the end of round 16.

Remaining funds: 1,518,840,000

Third Country

Northern account

1,319,185 million

70,555 million

1,651,675 million

Southern account

190.04 million

101.12 million

500 million

490 million

381.16 million

790 million

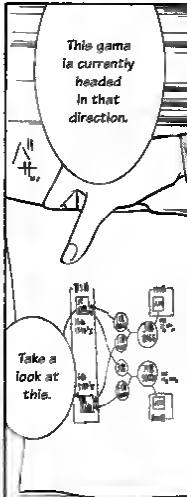
Northern Country

ATM

ATM

Southern Country

Remaining funds: 1,910,000,000



You get it now?

AAAAH!!

Ah.

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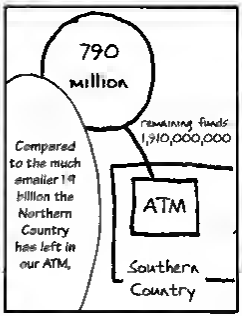

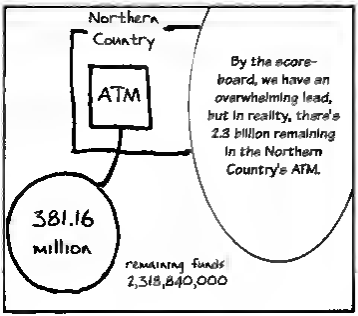

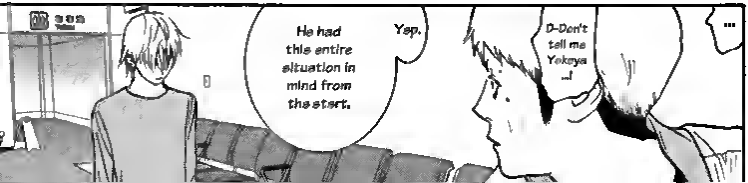

Slowly but surely, the Northern Country is nearing the ideal situation.

This is no time to be celebrating!!

So snap out of it!!

...

We are LOSING this game --

even worse than before!!

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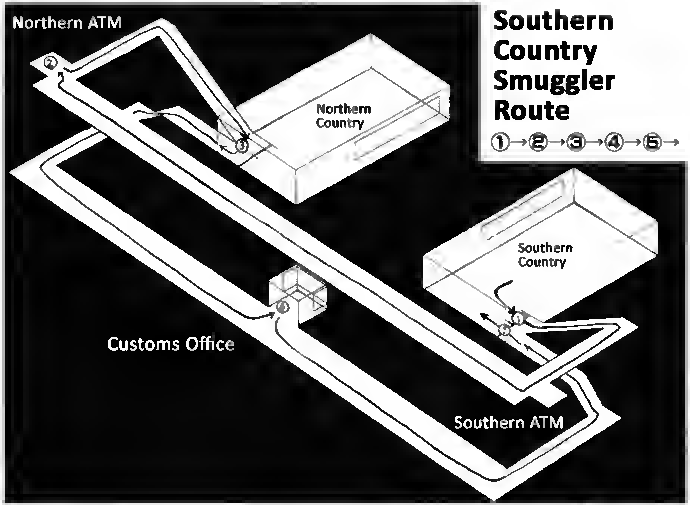
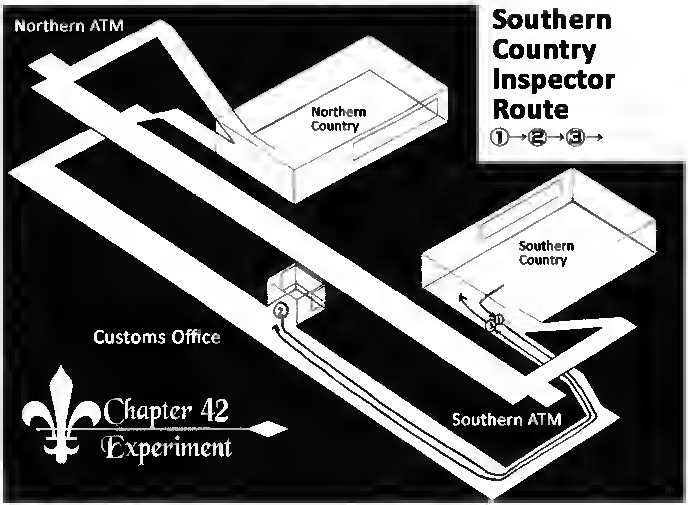


Southern Country Smuggler Route

①→②→③→④→⑤→

①: Gate - Once through, it automatically locks behind players to prevent them from going back ②: Northern ATM - Here players withdraw the amount of money they wish to smuggle. ③: Gate - same as (1) Prevents players from returning ④: Customs Office - Here is where the Northern team's inspector carries out his inspection. Money successfully smuggled is taken by the officer in charge and deposited into the outside bank account ⑤: Gate



Southern Country Inspector Route

①→②→③→

Chapter 42
Experiment

①: Gate ②: Customs Office - Here ③: Gate

This is no time to be celebrating!!

SO SNAP OUT OF IT!

We are LOSING this game even worse than before!!

We failed to notice the true nature of this game

And that's not all

Speaking in terms of the actual money we possess...

we are clearly losing.

We are winning only by the value in our outside bank account.

But that is all wrong.

Northern Country	
Score	1,319,485,000
Remaining funds in the Northern ATM	2,318,840,000
	3,638,325,000
Southern Country	
Score	1,651,675,000
Remaining funds in the Southern ATM	1,910,000,000
	3,561,675,000

The game's rules hid a blind spot

Northern Country

1319485

Southern Country

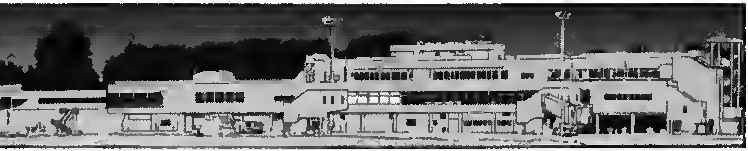
1651675

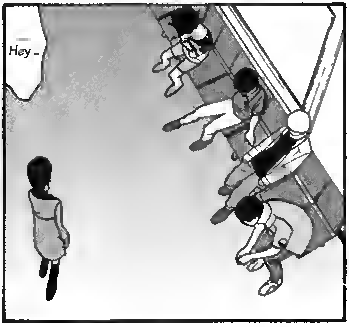
According to the scoreboard, our team is maintaining a 300 million lead -- so we are filled with a spirit of optimism

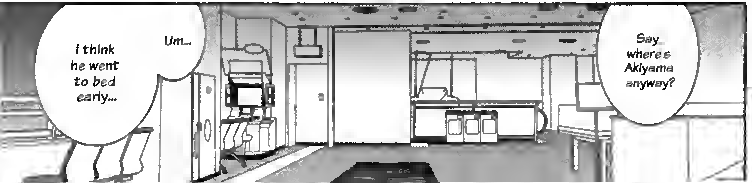
Losing is the key to earning the most money.

It's all about losing.

This game isn't about winning.







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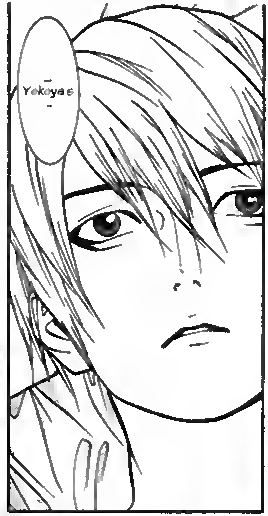

Yokoyae

Ch...! He leaves us with nightmares and goes off to sleep first??

Did you all have a nice, relaxing evening last night—!?
GOOD MORNING, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN!

Now then, we will resume where we left off from yesterday!!

...Relaxing my ass!!

Would both the Southern Country's smuggler and the Northern Country's inspector please make their way to the customs office?

Yes, sir...

Wonder how much he'll take?

Oh, right Akiyama's up first?

That means that from here on out, we've got to proactively carry money.

And in order to do just that, we HAVE to empty the Northern Team's ATM.

Weren't you listening yesterday? He himself said that the ultimate goal of this game was to acquire the most money.

100 million!!

!!

Isn't it obvious!?

Logically speaking, he'll take 100 million.

I guess so...

.....

.. But uh ..

.....

But for getting to the room .. I don't remember any specific time limit do you?

According to the rules, we only have a maximum of 10 minutes to make a decision once we're in the customs office.

It's been over 15 minutes since he left and he's still not in the room!!!

What's taking so long?!

You're right!

The longer he takes, the more likely they'll assume he's carrying tons of cash!!

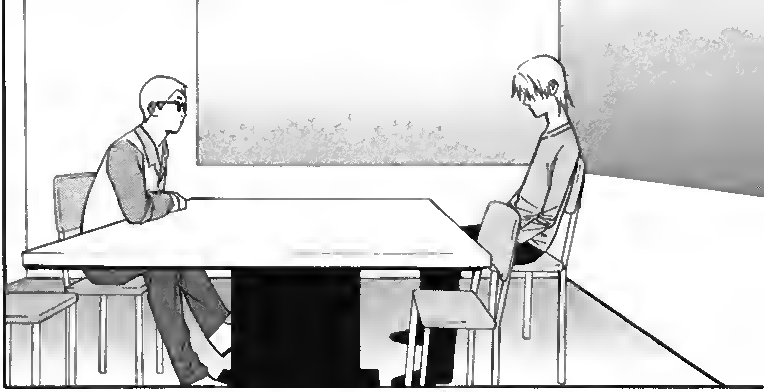
Yeah, right!!

Like, he's trying to piss off the opponent or some thing...

Maybe it's part of the plan?

There he is!!

Ah!!



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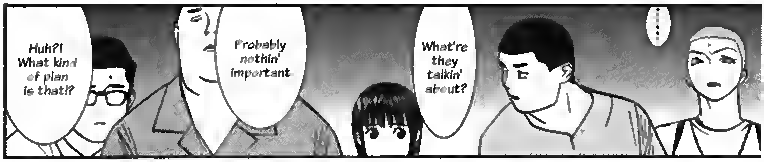
Huh?! What kind of plan is that!?
Probably nothin' important
What're they talkin' about?
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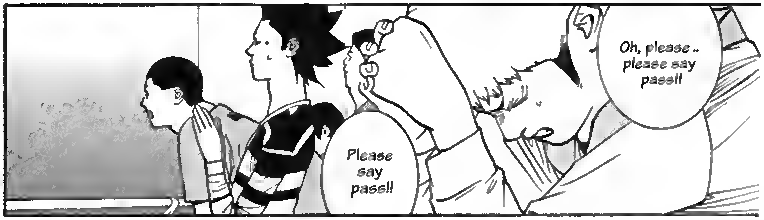
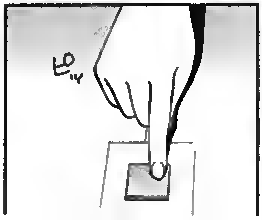
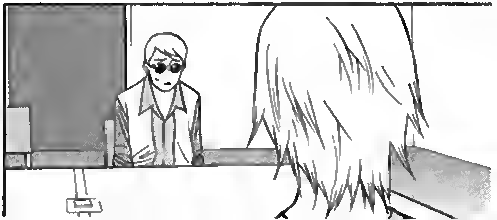

Please say pass!!
Oh, please.. please say pass!!





100 MILLION

DOUBT.

HE CALLED DOUBT ------!!!

AAAA-AAAA-AAAH !!!

Aaand so, what's inside his trunk...?

The Northern Country's inspector has called "Doubt" on 100 million!!

SEE!! I KNEW IT!! THE LONGER YOU TAKE, THE MORE LIKELY THEY'D DOUBT YA!!

It's EMPTY!!

SPLEN-DID--!!

OOOO-OOOH!!

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The Southern Country's smuggler has brilliantly outwitted the inspector, earning him 50 million yen!!

AWE-SOME --!!

RIGHT ON, AKI-YAMA !!

YOU'RE A GENIUS !!

This 50 million yen only counts toward our total but comes out of the Northern Country's total, too!!

YES-SSS-SS!!

Well, I'M not satisfied with this!!

So what's up with you stepping into that room with nothing in that trunk!?

Yesterday, YOU said we had to gain more money right away!

I owe an explanation for what just went on.

Fukunage is absolutely right

Calm down, kid

You shut up, Fukunaga!!

Well...

that's because I was experimenting.

Experimenting??

I bet

the biggest question in your minds is why I spent so much time getting to the room... right?

Yes, experimenting... to search for more alternatives for us to win this game.

For starters, take this card.

?

?

FOR REAL ?!

Because I actually tried it out

Yep, no doubt about it

In fact, this card doesn't just withdraw money...

It can deposit money too.

You're thinking this card is solely for withdrawing money from the Northern ATM, am I right?

Well, yeah!

?

Correct.

So in that situation, you'd deposit 50 million back into the ATM?

Imagining such a scenario, I guessed that this card probably had the ability to deposit money too

I'm sure you can envision withdrawing 100 million for one round, and suddenly, you change your mind and only want to take 50 million

Heh heh heh

Try again...

?

100 million?

Using this card what's the maximum you think I can withdraw?

This baby has plenty of other secrets too.

But that's not all

nobody said this card is limited to 100 million yen per withdrawal.

You're right if you're thinking about the rule that smugglers are only able to carry 100 million yen maximum per round - any more than that is invalid... But,

it let me.

In fact, when I tried to withdraw 200 million,

There's more.

Huh!

As long as there's money in your account, you can withdraw as much as you like.

There is no limit on the maximum withdrawable amount.

NO WAY !!

These cards are not limited in use to their owners.

アオヤマシンイチ

I had actually borrowed Nao's card this turn and tried using it.

You're kidding!!

Just to be sure, I asked an LGT employee about it. He said that using other players' cards is perfectly fine when smuggling. However, any money smuggled would go straight to the card owner's outside bank account.

It worked, without a single problem.

And to my surprise, this was his answer.

I also asked the employee about this.

Then the card would be useless?

Common sense, right?

Like, say... I know this sounds impossible, but if the card was split in two.

What would happen if your card was damaged?

I never tried that!

Hmm...

I'm not done.

If we confirm that the card is rendered inoperable, we will tender a new one immediately.

Inside my pocket, I bent the card into two

Yes... after hearing that, I tried it

WHAA-AAT!? REALLY !?!

CHIB...

This card is unusable

.....

Indeed

Hey uh...

when I was inserting this into the ATM earlier, it snapped.

We will prepare a new card for you right away

I under-stand

The ATM's computer retains all data on deposits and withdrawals, so within 10 minutes, they were easily able to issue me a new one.

I DON'T BELIEVE IT!!

The broken card

EH !?

Besides, it was your card, not mine.

Relax! I only broke the card after they clearly told me they would

What would have happened if they refused to issue a new card?

That's going a bit far for an experiment!

!!

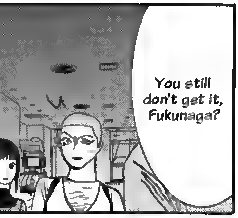
Without your card, you cannot claim your reward at the end of the game. So be very careful not to lose your cards until then.

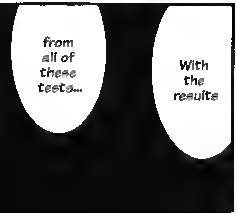
Simply losing the card is NOT grounds for having one reissued.

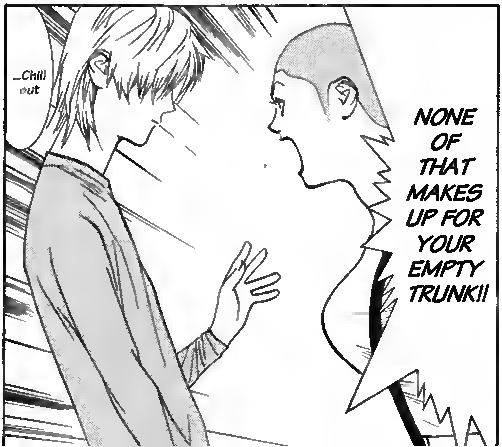
The most important lesson out of all of this

is that they only reissue the card once they confirm it is inoperable.

ALL OF THAT WAS NO EXCUSE!!







Don't you see we've found a way to win this game?

Huh?

.....

from all of these tests...

If we use the results...

Don't you see we've found a way to win this game?

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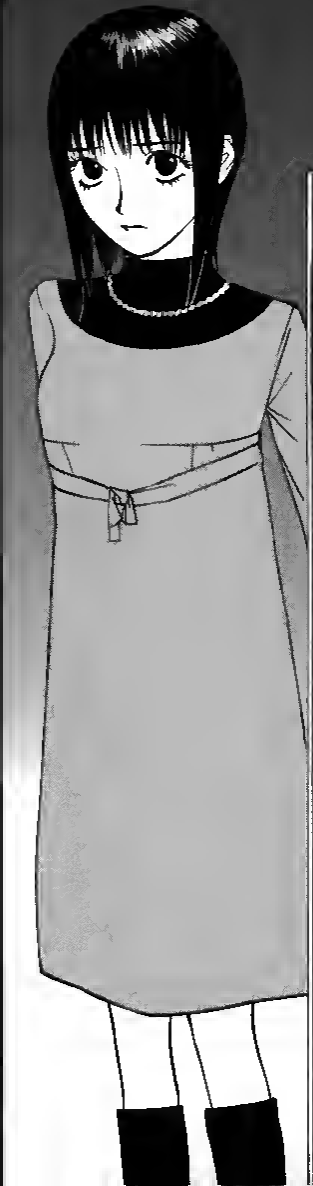

Our Country's Team Rotation

By Nao

Game 15	Smuggler turn	Mr. Tsunoda
	Inspector turn	Mr. Eda
Game 16	Smuggler turn	Mr. Eda
	Inspector turn	Mr. Akiyama
Day 2		
Game 17	Smuggler turn	Mr. Akiyama
we're here right now!	Inspector turn	Me
Game 18	Smuggler turn	Me
	Inspector turn	Mr. Kitamura

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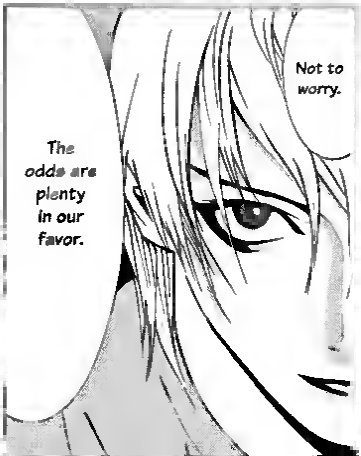
Secret Plan

YO, TELL US!!!
WHAT IS IT!?
A way to w-win !!?
I can't.
Sorry, but right now,
please make his way to the customs office?
Would the Southern Country's next inspector ...
Ah... Okay.
The reason is that I'm still missing one important piece of the puzzle to make this plan work.
Haah!?
Good luck.
Yep.
Well, I'd best get going.
SOUTHERN COUNTRY
What is it you're missing?
So? So??

Someone on the Northern Country's team is willing to cooperate with us.



SOUTHERN
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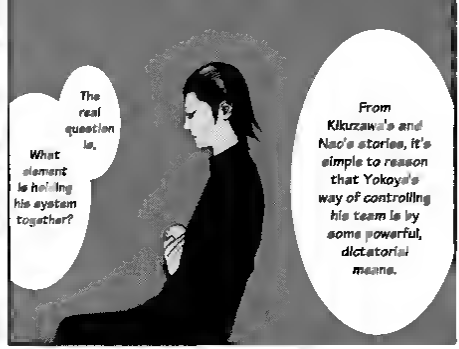
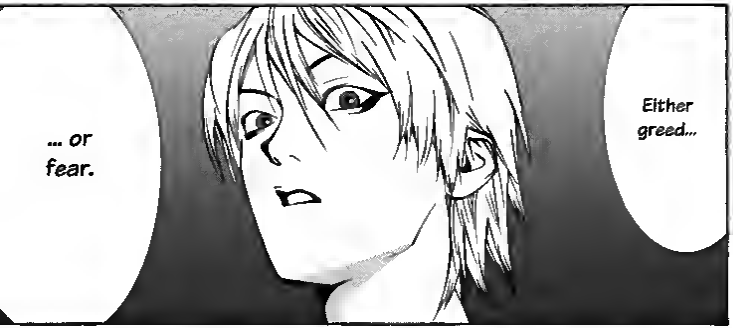
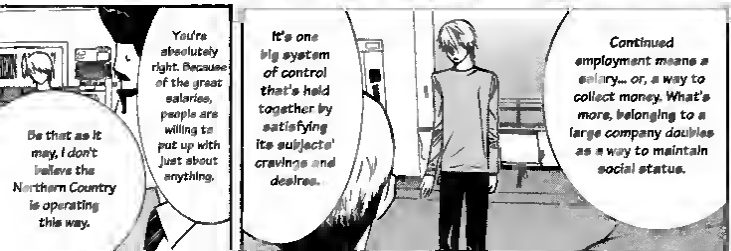
Across the world, there are all sorts of systems that define the relationship between a ruler and his subjects.
However, all of them boil down to two fundamental things.


From Kikuzawa's and Nao's stories, it's simple to reason that Yokoya's way of controlling his team is by some powerful, dictatorial means.
The real question is,
What element is holding his system together?


Either greed...
... or fear.

Take average Japanese salarymen. It's often joked about that their lives are dictated by the big corporations.
So why is it, then, that these people don't quit their jobs?
The reason for that is there's a payoff; by remaining employees, they're able to satisfy their greed.


Be that as it may, I don't believe the Northern Country is operating this way.
You're absolutely right. Because of the great salaries, people are willing to put up with just about anything.
It's one big system of control that's held together by satisfying its subjects' cravings and desires.
Continued employment means a salary... or, a way to collect money. What's more, belonging to a large company doubles as a way to maintain social status.

that Yokoya's is a rule by fear.

I'm fairly certain ...

Actually... that's exactly what it was like when he was at my high school.

Yeah, I agree with you.

Violence was everywhere. People obeyed for fear of their lives.

If I were to mention the German Nazi regime, I'm sure you'd get the picture.

#7

You guys can understand, right? Look at how you keep coming back to the Liar Game.

That's why it's so difficult to escape from.

CHIBA

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Compared to a rule by greed, a rule by fear is far more binding

This is because greed holds a varying level of power over people, whereas fear largely affects all people the same way.

You're afraid that if you ignore the invitations, some mysterious organization is going to use any means necessary to make you repay your debts.

And even if you try going to the police, it's a fact that you stole money from someone else during the first round... you're afraid that mentioning that will flip the tables, making you the criminal instead of the victim.

... You're so right ...

... Right now, we're all...

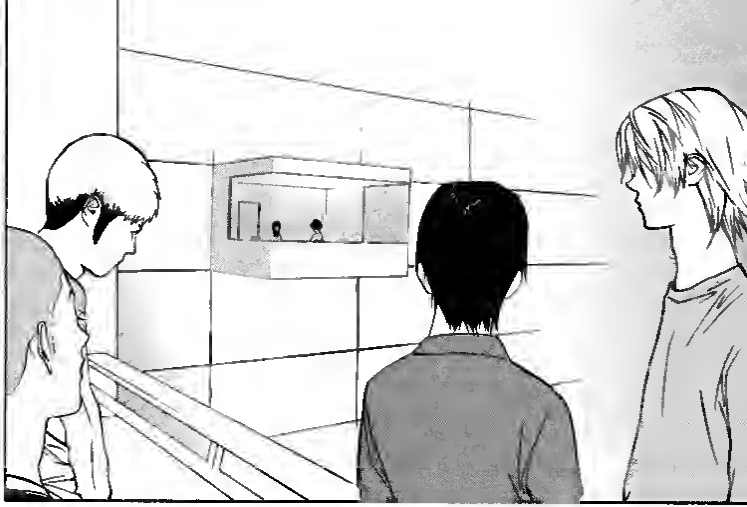
being controlled by fear.

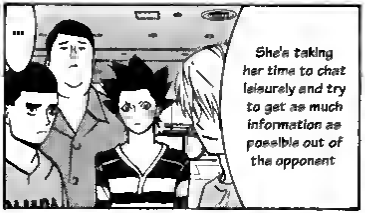
But, turning this around... what if this situation was true for the Northern Country?

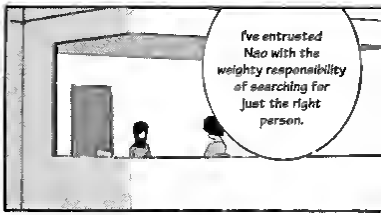
It goes without saying the other 2 members would be harboring deep-seated resentment for Yokey...

Given the right opportunity,

they WILL betray him.




...
She's taking her time to chat leisurely and try to get as much information as possible out of the opponent


I've entrusted Nao with the weighty responsibility of searching for just the right person.

That's exactly why she's the one for the job!
I doubt it...
You sure Nao can handle it?

It refers to how mistakes are easier to make when a person's stress is suddenly removed.
In the world of psychology, there's something called "the Theory of Tension-Reduction."

Or, another example could be school entrance exams. After the ordeal is over, you leave behind the mechanical pencil you used to take the test... and so on.

For instance, say you're taking the test to get your driver's license. After managing to pass the dreaded parallel parking, you might find yourself in such a good mood that you accidentally drive over the rumble strips on the easiest of curbs.

A mistake made because stress let up.

That's the essence of "tension-reduction."

Oh, I've done that!

Their body language would show they're anticipating I'll pull something.

If I were to go as inspector, the enemy would be nervous and on full alert.

However, her weaknesses make her the perfect weapon in this situation.

As you well know, Kanzaki Nao is not only honest to a fault, but slow and clumsy...

She naturally takes down the enemy's shields.

Whew. Thank god it's her!

But in her case, it's the opposite.

She looks weak and undependable.

remember that she was the one to make Yokoya volunteer his interest in "domination."

As proof of that,

The result is that she's able to make them say things and use mannerisms that they ordinarily wouldn't!

...Yeah.

...

Aren't you gonna ask about what's inside my trunk?

U-Um...

... and so, that's why this teddy bear is my favorite!!

I used every second I had and earnestly tried to converse with them...

I did my best to carry out Mr. Akiyama's mission, doing everything I could to learn about the other player.

But that didn't matter, since I was able to learn about the other team...

Empty

Pass

Pass

Empty

Because of this, my turns kept the game at a stalemate.

I did everything I could.
Well ...
So, how'd it go?
Good work.

Good ...

I'm sure there's someone who'll betray the team.
That's why I can say...

A little bit...
Were you able to pick up on anything?
I definitely sensed that they were afraid of something...

Now you can tell us all about your strategy, right??
So, ah...

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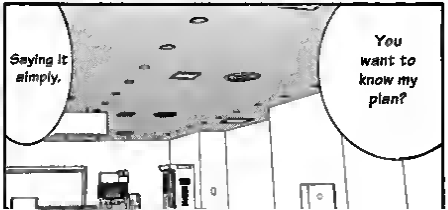
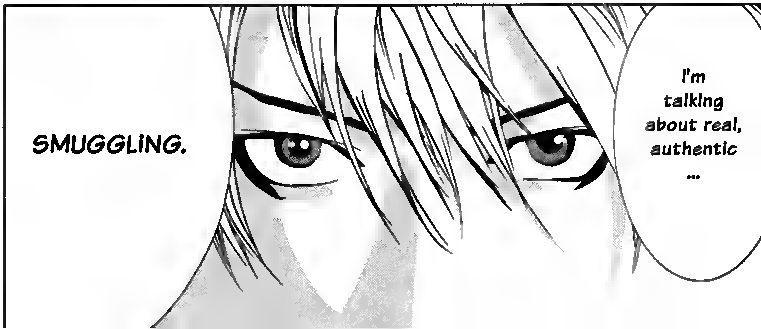
CHIBA


Saying it simply.
You want to know my plan?

We'll empty the Northern Country's ATM, completely bypassing the inspections, and deposit all of the money into our country's ATM.



Guess I gotta explain...

How's that possible without going through the inspections?

I don't get what you're saying.

W-WHAT!?

They then simply leave the 2.3 billion right next to the ATM.

We get a representative to take all of our cards and withdraw the entire amount.

Right now our team's got about 2.3 billion yen left in the Northern Country's ATM, right?

This will make the Northern Country's ATM empty and ours will go up in value by 2.3 billion

and deposits all of it into his own account in our country's ATM.

Next, our friendly ally from the Northern Country takes the money

It sure is.

WE'RE TALKING ABOUT 2.3 BILLION !!!

IS THAT EVEN POSSIBLE !!?

There's absolutely no way of knowing what goes on in there from the outside.

Most importantly, the hallway between our two countries is a complete "black box."

Each player starts off with 300 million in their account, but whether that account grows to 400 million or 2.3 billion makes no difference.

I experimented to make sure there's no upper limit on depositing money.

Like, having a single player withdraw 2.3 billion...

Anything could happen... without raising even the slightest suspicion!

And that's what we'll do.

... Awesome.

CHIBA

We wouldn't have any money left to carry, after all!

There'd no longer be any need for us to risk carrying our money through customs.

Once we accumulate enough money, we'll be able to concentrate on making our team lose.

Outside Country's Bank Account

Northern Country

Southern Country

As I explained before, the ideal outcome of this game is to amass the most money but lose the game by score.

So they won't discover they've lost the money until all 50 games are complete, you mean?

Yup.

The reason being...

that unless you have your teammate's card, it's impossible to tell how much is in his or her bank account.

All the while, the Northern team will never expect that all 2.3 billion is already in our hands.

we'll leave this game with no debt. More importantly, we'll turn a profit and be able to withdraw from the Liar Game.

If we're able to lower our score enough to lose, we'll be removed from the game with a gigantic positive dividend... In other words,

Paying him a couple hundred million will make little difference since we'd have all that money left over.

Of course, we'd still have to pay the Northern team's traitor compensation for his work.

... So there you have it.

for the rest of them, it'd be impossible... including our number one favorite, Yokoya.

The Northern team's traitor would have ample funds to allow him to drop out... but...

Fourth Round

With the higher score, the Northern team would be forced to proceed to the 4th round.

Northern Country

Southern Country

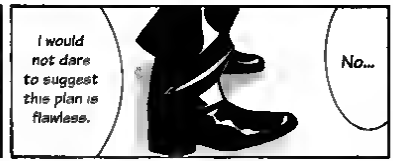
Drop out

A no-fail plan for sure!!

That plan is totally perfect!!

A-AMAZING!! THAT'S GREAT!!

A no-fail plan...?



That was the first time he'd ever shown such weakness in front of us.

To the contrary, the ever-so-confident Mr. Akiyama even described Yokoya as frightening.

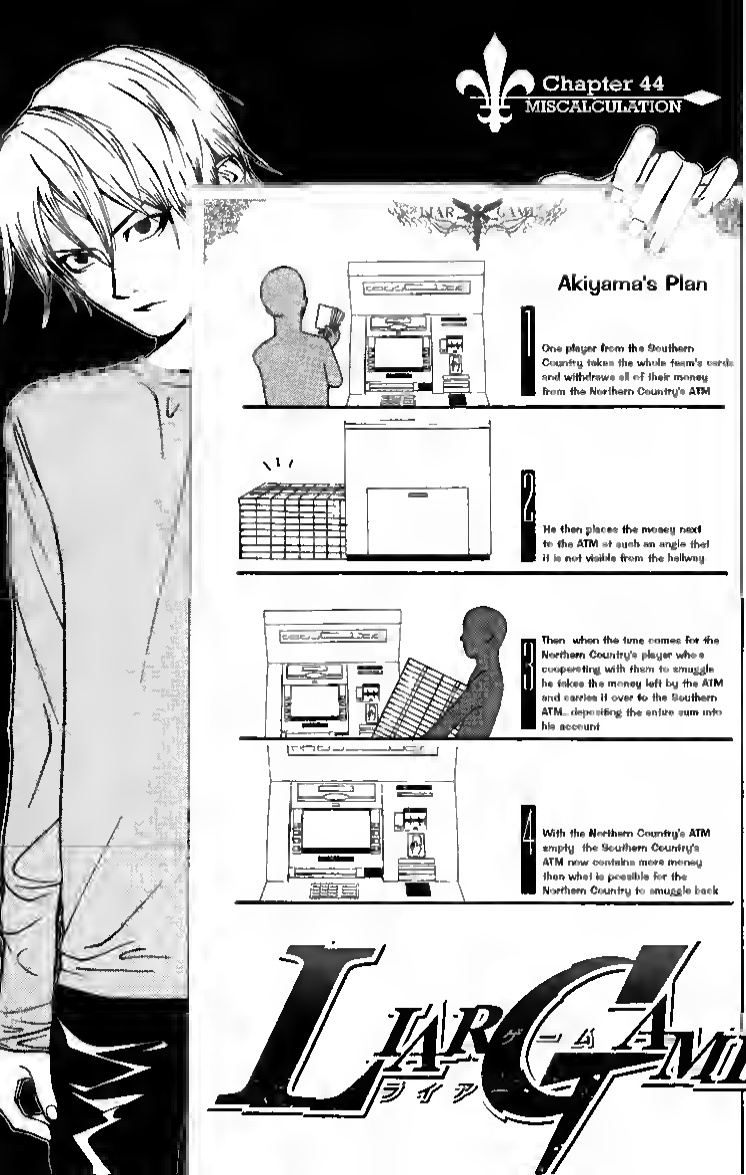
But he didn't have much faith in it himself.

Everyone thought Akiyama's plan was perfect.

But it wouldn't be too long. .

how very frightening Mr. Yokoya could be.

before all of us would come to learn...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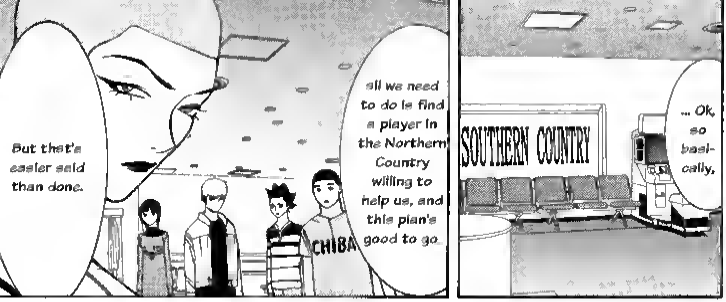
MISCALCULATION
LIAR GAME
Akiyama's Plan
1
One player from the Southern Country takes the whole team's cards and withdraws all of their money from the Northern Country's ATM
2
He then places the money next to the ATM at such an angle that it is not visible from the hallway
3
Then, when the time comes for the Northern Country's player who's cooperating with them to smuggle, he takes the money left by the ATM and carries it over to the Southern ATM... depositing the entire sum into his account
4
With the Northern Country's ATM empty, the Southern Country's ATM now contains more money than what is possible for the Northern Country to smuggle back
LIAR GAME
ライアーゲーム


But that's easier said than done.
all we need to do is find a player in the Northern Country willing to help us, and this plan's good to go.
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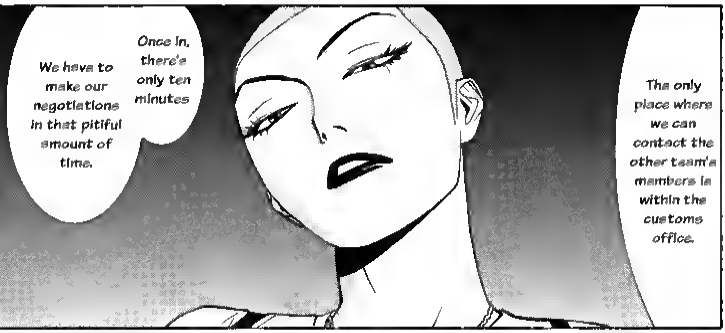
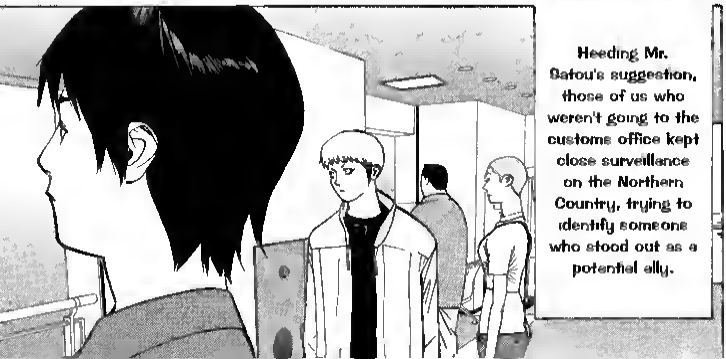
SOUTHERN COUNTRY
... Ok, so basically,


We have to make our negotiations in that pitiful amount of time.
Once in, there's only ten minutes
The only place where we can contact the other team's members is within the customs office.

We can keep a close eye on the other team's players from the windows!!
Wait! There's something else we can do outside the inspections!!
Yeah
it's next to impossible.


Heeding Mr. Satou's suggestion, those of us who weren't going to the customs office kept close surveillance on the Northern Country, trying to identify someone who stood out as a potential ally.

Whether or not there was any point in doing this, I don't know.
But I was happy because it gave the whole team a sense of purpose.
Mr Akiyama on the other hand.
was still his usual isolated self
Are you still concerned about Mr. Yokoya?
.....
Look at this.
It's the Northern Country's rotation
?
With the exception of when Yokoya was constantly the inspector, the Northern Country's team has been following a proper order to their smugglers and inspectors, much like us.
The Northern Country's Rotation
Long Haired Beardy
Bandana Man
Afro
Pops
Baldy
Shades
Brows
Yokoya
Ponytail
After we discovered Yokoya and Kikuzawa's little partnership, our team had decided to punish Kikuzawa partly by having him skip one full turn
But beyond that incident, we've continued to follow our predetermined rotation.
Kanzaki
Kitamura
Fujita
Satou
Fukunaga
Tsunoda
Eda
Akiyama
Kikuzawa

The Northern Country's rotation has become irregular immediately after Yokoya's plans were exposed.

Battle Record

Game	Southern Team's Smuggling Turn	Southern Team's Inspection Turn
13	—	—
14	— (Should've been Long Hair)	—
15	(Should've been Shaggy)	—
16	—	(Should've been Afro)
17	(Should've been Afro)	(Should've been Grape)
18		
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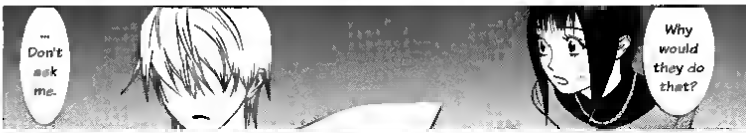
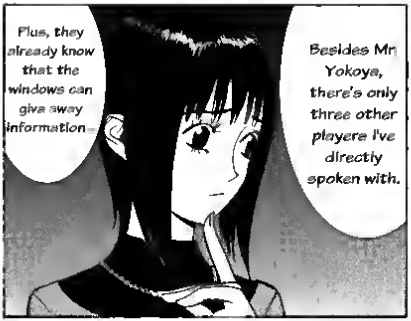
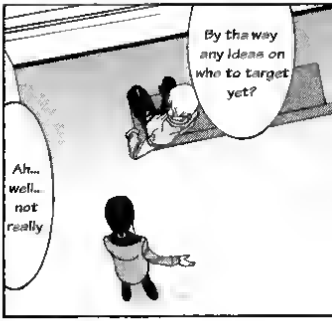
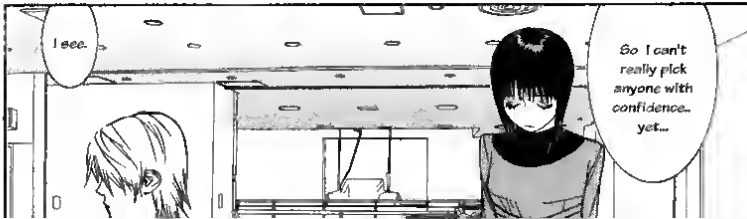
But not so for them.









We might be able to learn something.

Okay! I'll talk with them right away!

Battle Record

Southern Team's Smuggling Turn

Southern Team's Inspection Turn

Before I went, both Tsunoda and Eda faced the same opponents twice in a row.

We should ask them both about those players.

Akiyama noticed it...

Heh...

whereas Yokoya altered it.

However, Akiyama continued to maintain a rotation that's fair to all his team's members

Thus far it's apparent that Yokoya and Akiyama are intellectually matched

Ku ku ku

But unfortunately for him, a tad too late

.....

that would have been the deciding factor.

If the battle is drawn here,

Mr. Tsunoda~!
Mr. Eda~!

U uh uh... it's no-thin'!

?

What?

EH!?

I have something I'd like to ask you two

I'm so glad you twe are together

When you two were smuggler and inspector, both times you faced the same opponent, right?

So... what'cha wanna ask?

Nah! I'm telin' ya, nothing happened, honest!

Please, tell me anything. Surely there was some-thing you learned?

Nothing... at all?

Um... Nothin' much... y'know?

I want to hear the details of what happened

Details!!?

AKI-YAMA !?!?

Oh dear... what should I say to Mr. Akiyama?

Something happened, huh?

Akiyama must have found out!!

This is bad!

?

Well, he told me to ask you two about your time in the customs office...

W-what did Akiyama say?!

Ok.

?

Can you promise you won't tell what we're about to say to anyone else?

... Hey, uh... Nac?

Actually... the truth is, right now...

The Northern ATM doesn't have 2.3 billion right now...

EH!?

You know how Akiyama just explained his winning plan to us?

Yeah, well, about that...

Yes... you mean his plan to transfer the 2.3 billion from the Northern ATM to the Southern ATM, right?

EE EE EE EH !? !?

It has 2.9 billion.

Let's just start from the top

I theu-ght ee

I don't really understand what you're saying

Uh... ummm..

Eh !?

Looking at the last couple of rounds, it's clear you guys were following some kinda rotation.

You don't have to hide it.

decided on an order for when your turn comes up?

Hey. Has your team

When I was inspector not too long ago, I was up against that long-haired bearded guy

As soon as he sat down, he said to me.

Whe...!?

Guess I'm right, since you're kein' so quiet.

So I'm guessin' the next smuggler is you. And then.. the next inspector is that fetso

Hearing that is a major relief, man.

Thank you!

Huh ??

You see, my team's boss wanted us to ask about the rotation.

You saved [illegible] hide. I owe ya one.

By boss ...

Y'mean Yakoyo ?

Yep.

Our boss is unbelievable

He's got brains like you wouldn't believe.

He's already come up with this 100% winning strategy. Sorry man, but your team's gonna lose.

!!

What stra-tegy !?

He ha ha...

Like I tell you!!

But... you do seem like a good guy.

And you did help me get some info. And I don't like leaving favors unpaid...

All right! I'll tell ya something, but just to you!!

!!

You're the next smuggler up, right? Before you go to our country's ATM, go check out your ATM.

You can take it all.

Right after you open the door, you'll see 300 million off to the side just sitting there.

THREE HUNDRED MILLION~~~!?!?

TH-

Anyway, with that much money, even if your team loses, at least you'll make some cash.

Why he has to leave 300 million in bills out in the open is beyond a dumb guy like me.

It's my boss's cash. It has something to do with his 100% strategy

W-why're you givin' me $ mill?

It's not??

Nope.

that this card is just for withdrawing money from the enemy country's ATM, right?

I bet you're thinking

Oh... don't tell me, you didn't know?

— Uh... how?

it can deposit money too.

Fact is,

that our cards could do that a long time ago.

The Northern Country had already figured out

Yes...

EH!? That's what Mr. Akiyama just explained to us!!

It's because you've only got 300 million to risk.

And if you think about why it takes so much courage ...

After being in this game for so long, I'm sure you're painfully aware of how much courage it takes to carry 100 million across.

Y-yeah...

!?

Take the 300 mil and deposit it into your account at the Northern ATM.

The beard crushed more to say...

instead of 300 mil, your account in the Northern ATM was 600 mil?

But what if

It's only natural.

Thinking like that makes you cower.

that's why I can't afford to lose."

"I've only got 300 mil max.

Right! ...

You've got 300 mil up on everyone else, after all.

There's nothing to be afraid of

Failure wouldn't be a problem.

If you were to take it, that...

That 300 mil is something our boss prepared to ensure his plan's success

I'm not finish-ed.

Wow!! That's great!!

and it will destroy his credibility in the process.

he can't use his winning strategy anymore,

Why are you telling me all this when it puts your team at a disadvantage?

... But wait. This doesn't make sense.

You got it... it helps not just you, but the rest of your team too

Haha!! And our team can win!!

I HATE our boss's guts!

It's simple.

If word gets out, they might kill me.

Oh yeah... I think it's obvious but don't go telling your team about the 500 million

I'd love to break his nose, just

I can't get into the details, but our entire team feels the same.

your next turn is the only chance you'll get to take the money.

Still, whether you believe me or not, take the money or leave it. It's all up to you

But I gotta warn you, our boss said that on our next next turn, he's gonna use the money for his plan... which means

DID YOU DEPOSIT IT IN YOUR ACCOUNT!? ALL 300 MILLION?!

SO?!

Yeah

I did

WOAH!! HE WAS SERIOUS —!!!

Seeing 300 million right in front of me, I got carried away...

I mean, when I went to look in the Southern ATM, it was right there.

Um...

You said 2.7 billion earlier...

Wait, if you took 300 million, Mr. Tsuenaga, then that's only 2.6 billion...?

Huh?

Hm... I see...

And since he made the offer before I heard Akiyama's plan, I really thought it would be helping the team.

...and I also deposited 300 million...

During the game after that, the same thing happened to me.

With Akiyama's strategy, it's no big deal!!
But you didn't have to kick him around!!
NO BIG DEAL!?

I thought you two were acting strange!!
I've been keeping a close eye the entire time!!

FUKU-NAGA!!
OH YES I WAS!!
You were eaves-dropping!?

DON'T YOU UNDER-STAND THE SERI-OUSNESS OF WHAT YOU'VE DONE!?

DUMB ASS !!

There's still another!

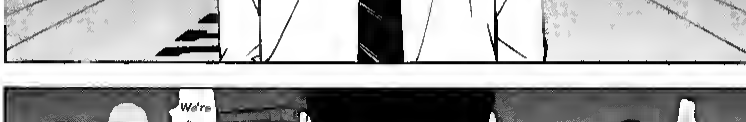
Oh, shit...

EH!? Then, you mean--!?

This is terrible!! He didn't hear Akiyama's plan at all— he was up as inspector at that time!!

He's in the customs office. It's his turn to be smuggler

What about Kitamura!?



As of the moment the current amount of money in the Northern ATM

This plan, which Mr. Akiyama devised, had already been put into action by the Northern Country's team without us ever knowing.

Empty all the money from the enemy's ATM and deposit it into the country's ATM without ever passing through customs.

has mushroomed up to
3,218,840,000 yen.

TO BE CONTINUED

Chapter 45
Predicament

deposited 300 million yen.

I... also

the Northern ATM is already up to 3.2 billion..?

S-So that means

.....

was all part of Mr. Yokoya's plan

...The reality is that what you did

B-But he said taking the money would stop Yokoya..?

You're kid-ding!

Huh?

WHAT THE HELL IS WRONG WITH YOU PEOPLE!?

Stop it, Mr. Fukunaga!!

Calm down..!

I'LL KILL YOU ALL!!!

うがぁぁぁ

YOU'RE DEAD!!

Outside Bank Account

N 1,269,485,000

S 1,701,675,000

※ Akiyama took back 50 million in game !?

Money not yet carried

N ATM 3,218,840,000

S ATM 1,010,000,000

※ Tsuruda, Eda, & Kitamura all deposited 300 million in the N ATM –

...And this is the situation now

Outside Bank Account

N 1,319,485,000

S 1,651,675,000

Money not yet carried

N ATM 2,318,840,000

S ATM 1,110,000,000

This was the money situation at the end of yesterday

not yet carried

But the money left in the Northern ATM is well over 3.2 billion.

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1, 01

There are only 31 games left in other words, that's a maximum of 3.1 billion we can smuggle

Do you understand what this means?

A-Ah .. but you know Mr. Fukunaga

looking at it another way, it's just more money to carry to our ATM!

YOU IDIOTS LOADED US UP WITH AN AMOUNT WE'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO GET RID OF!!

...Um...

f-Please stay calm and listen.

OUR CHANCES OF BEING CRUSHED ARE WAAAAY GREATER!!

positive thinker

We still have a chance to win. It just all depends on our strategy!

!!

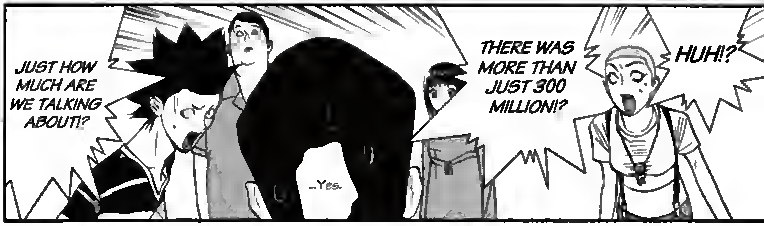
Hm?

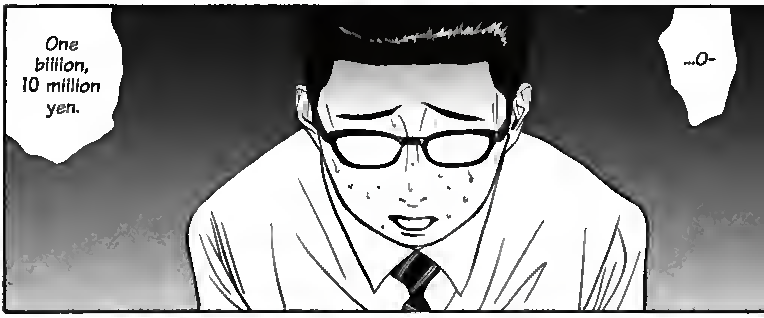
There's something off to the left side.

And just like Eda and Tsunoda, I was going to deposit the money into my account at the Northern ATM, when...

Uwah!! There really is 300 million here!!

When I went to the Southern ATM, I found 300 million just as the Northern team's inspector had spoken about.

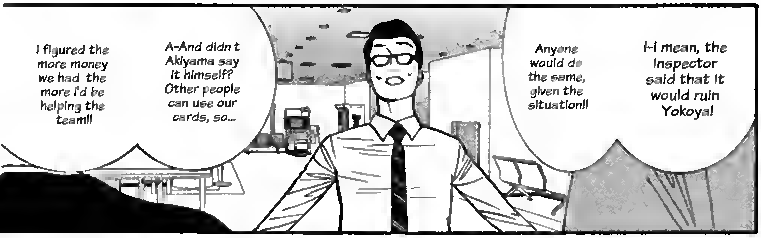

JUST HOW MUCH ARE WE TALKING ABOUT!?
...Yes.
THERE WAS MORE THAN JUST 300 MILLION!?
HUH!?


One billion, 10 million yen.
...O-

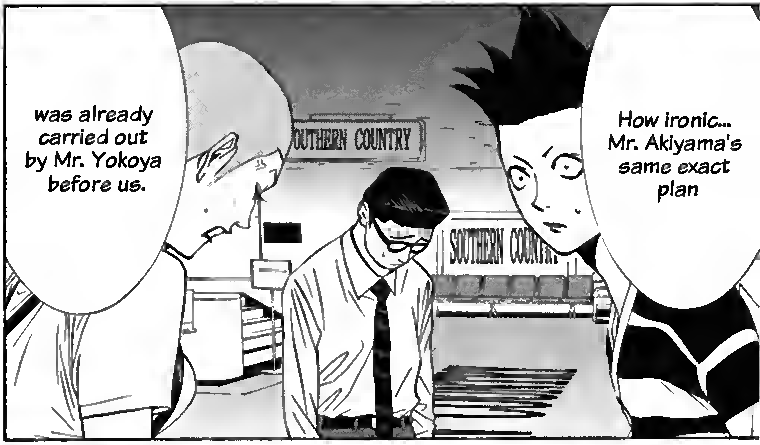
So what did you do with it...?

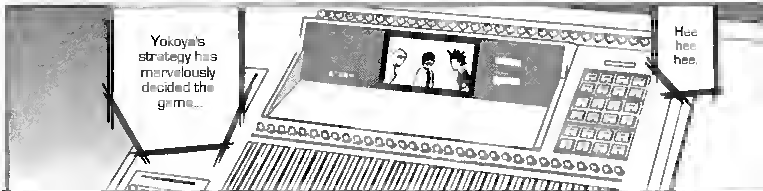
I deposited everything into my bank account.

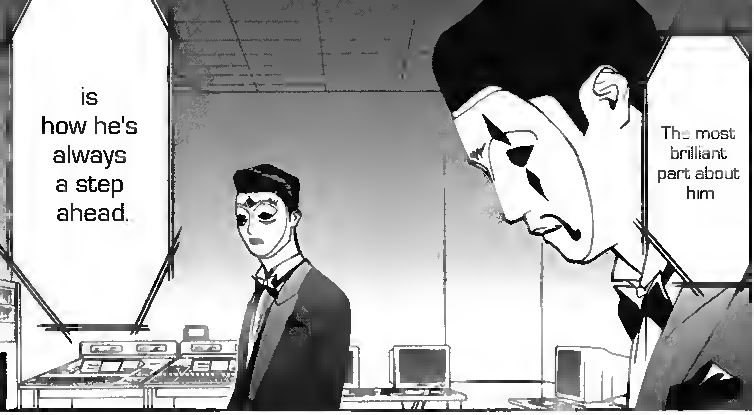
I'm so sorry.

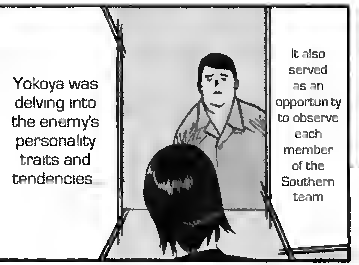


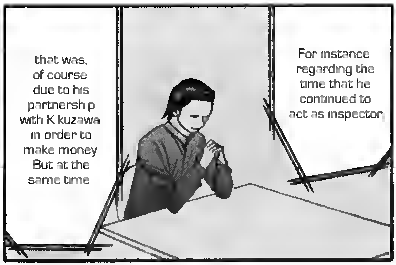
Basically... the three of them have just transferred all of the Southern ATM's money...






is how he's always a step ahead.
The most brilliant part about him


Yokoya was delving into the enemy's personality traits and tendencies...
It also served as an opportunity to observe each member of the Southern team


that was, of course due to his partnership with Kuzawa in order to make money. But at the same time
For instance, regarding the time that he continued to act as inspector

Rather, he targeted the more sure-to-be-swayed Eda, Tsunoda, and Kitamura with his strategy.
The result was that he avoided Akiyama, Fukunaga and Kanzaki...

And they fell for it beautifully.

They failed to address this.

Inspector turn

Game 15 Smuggler turn

Inspector turn

Game 16 Smuggler turn

Inspector turn

Game 17 Smuggler turn

Inspector turn

Game 18 Smuggler turn

Inspector turn

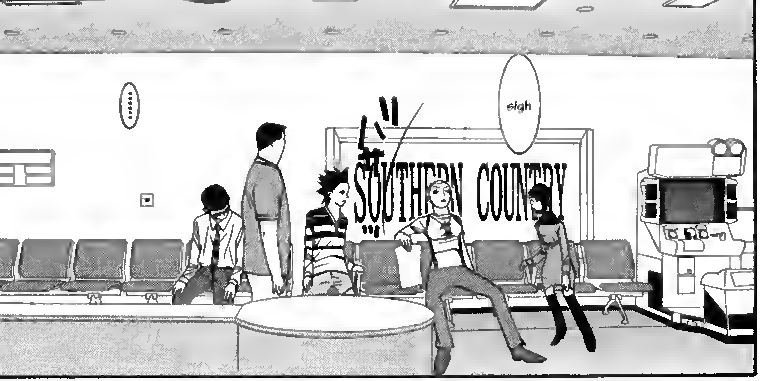
Following Kikuzawa's penalty, the Southern Country's rotation became systematic, with the same player going as inspector and then smuggler.

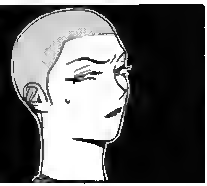
The Southern Country didn't have a prayer.

That rotation ultimately facilitated Yokoya's strategy.

Although there are 30 games remaining, the outcome is virtually decided.

Outside Bank Account		Money not yet carried	
N	1,269,485,000	N ATM	4,228,840,000
S	1,701,675,000	S ATM	0





I'm just getting to the point

Our chances of winning at this point

ARE ZERO.

HUH?! B-BUT WHY?!!

WE CAN STILL SMUGGLE 31 BILLION!! WITH THAT MUCH, WE CAN STILL--

And that's why you guys are complete idiots!!

If the enemy team simply calls "Doubt, 100 million" every turn,

they will win with 100% certainty.

Okay... so saying the Northern team calls doubt on 100 million for all the remaining games, and we don't carry a single yen...

!? Why!? If they plan on calling doubt every turn, then we can stop carrying money!

Try working it out first

(N) 1,269,485,000 -1.55 billion
= -280,515,000

(S) 1,701,675,000 +1.55 billion
= 3,251,675,000

That means the Northern Country will have to pay indemnities for all 31 games...

Money not yet carried

N ATM	4,228,840,000
S ATM	0

But since our team didn't carry anything, the amounts in the ATMs stay the same...

HUH ..!?!

Total funds at the end of the game

So at the end of the game, the amount of money we'd have is...

N ATM

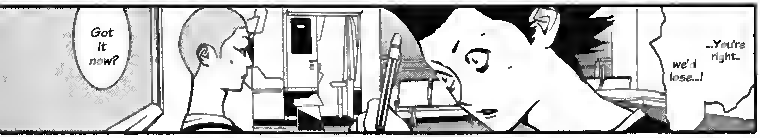
-280,515,000 + 4,228,840,000

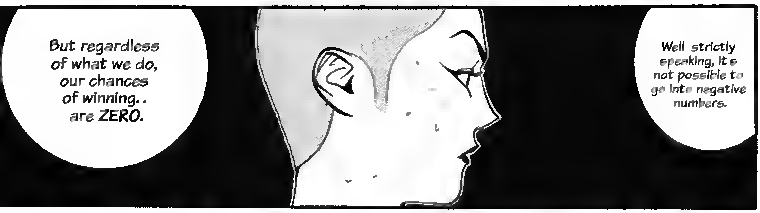
= 3,948,325,000

S ATM

3,251,675,000 + 0

= 3,251,675,000





HOW DO YOU LURE AN ENEMY WHO ALREADY KNOWS WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO DO!?!

THEY'VE ALREADY USED THE SAME STRATEGY AS AKIYAMA'S!!

Who in the world would double-cross their team in a situation like this!?

It's painfully obvious the Northern team's already won!!

Besides, Akiyama's plan would work only when the enemy has a fear of losing the game.

Things are so hopeless at this point that I don't even have the willpower to sock you idiots in the face.

we'd better go tell Akiyama how you've screwed us over.

Anyways.

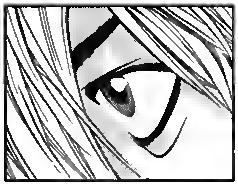
You three managed to wreck our team's chances in no time at all.

He'll probably beat you guys black and blue, but can you blame him?

They were prepared for the worst.

After that, the 3 of them reported to Mr. Akiyama all that had happened.

Did you really do this for the sake of our team?



I DID IT ALL FOR MYSELF!!

I BEG YOUR FORGIVE-NESS!!

I... I...!!

When I was depositing the money,

the only thought on my mind was to make money for myself.

I know I said... It was for the team, but that's... a lie...

EEE ...!!

And you two?

...That wouldn't be telling the truth...

If I said I wasn't at all thinking about getting rich...

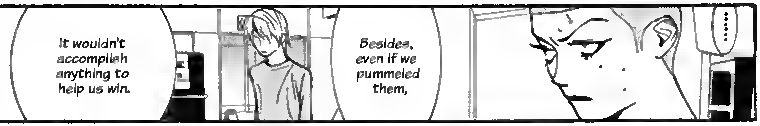
...Uh, well...

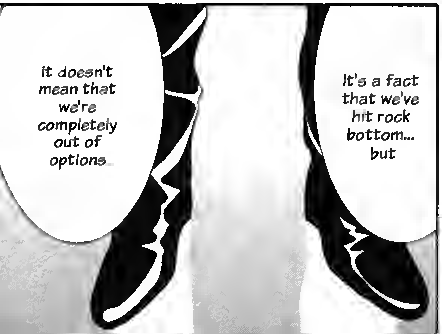
I see...

I'm relieved to hear that.
WHAT ?!
Wait just a minute!! Weren't you paying attention?! Kitamura said he did it all for himself!!
If they screwed us over trying to help the team, that's one thing.
But these retards screwed us over just to help themselves!!!
Beat the living daylights outta these greedy pigs!!
That's the LEAST of what they deserve, after all this!!
No, it's not.
Whether it's Kitamura, Eda, or Tsunoda...
Any of them could have easily tried to make all sorts of excuses. Yet...
They willingly admitted to selfish motives
even though doing so was not in their personal interests.

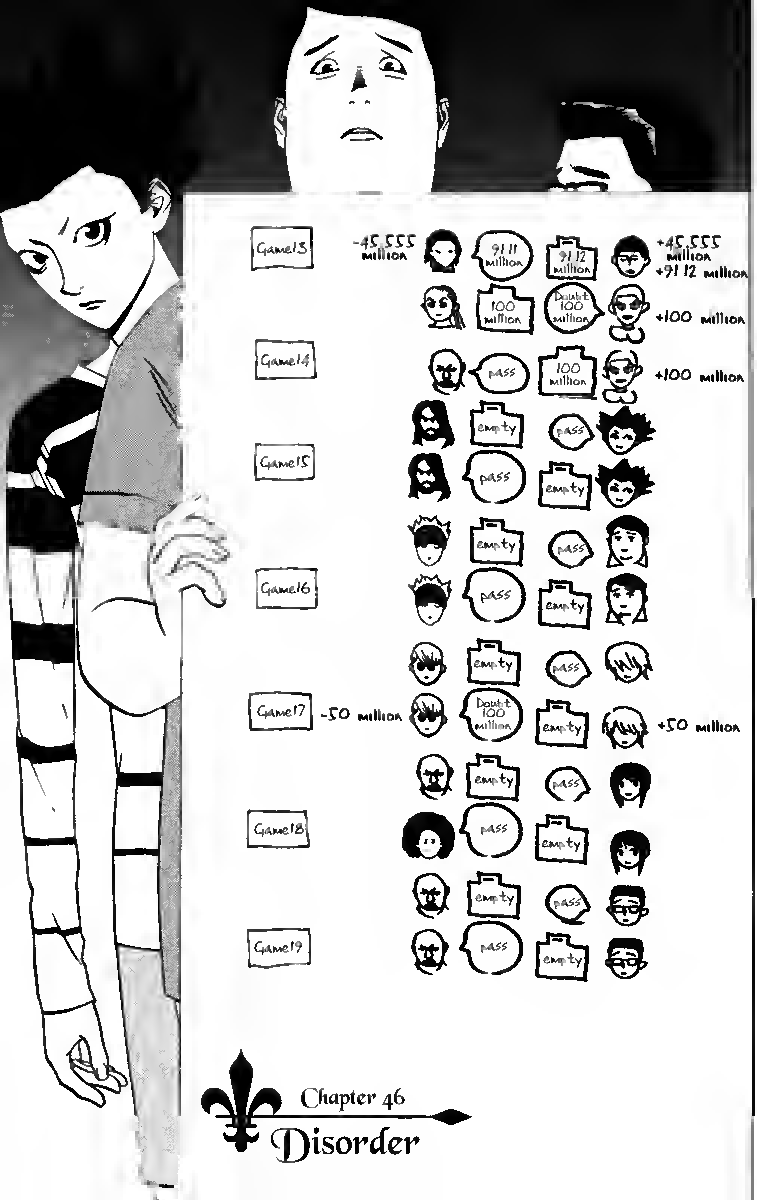
They did it because their conscience

told them to.





There's still a way we can turn this thing around!



Chapter 46

Disorder

There's a way... to turn this situation around!?

EH!?

What is it !?!

Are you serious !?!

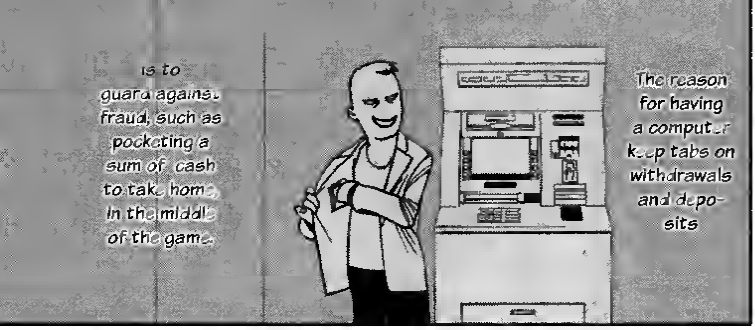
fu fu fu

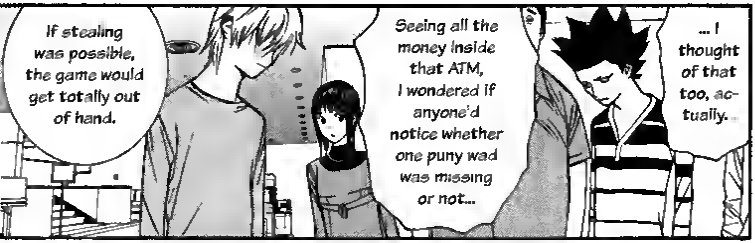
Yeah ...?

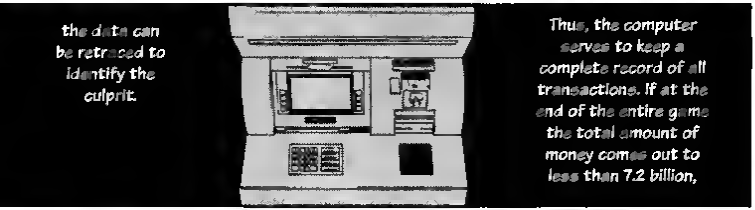
If the card is damaged and rendered useless, you can have one reissued because all the data is backed up by computer.. Remember that part?

When it was my turn to smuggle, I told you all about my experiments to see how this card works, right?

Akiyama Shunichi


is to guard against fraud, such as pocketing a sum of cash to take home in the middle of the game.
The reason for having a computer keep tabs on withdrawals and deposits


If stealing was possible, the game would get totally out of hand.
Seeing all the money inside that ATM, I wondered if anyone'd notice whether one puny wad was missing or not...
... I thought of that too, actually...


the data can be retraced to identify the culprit.
Thus, the computer serves to keep a complete record of all transactions. If at the end of the entire game the total amount of money comes out to less than 7.2 billion,

WHISPER
WHISPER
Here, lean closer

Does that have anything to do with your strategy??
So ??
They're basically preventing players from secretly taking money out of the game.
That makes sense.

Amazing, Akiyama!! This plan will definitely work!!

Now that you say it, that's true!!

AAAH!! NO WAY!!

I'll take the lead.

No worries.

But you're the only one who can make this plan work, Mr Akiyama.

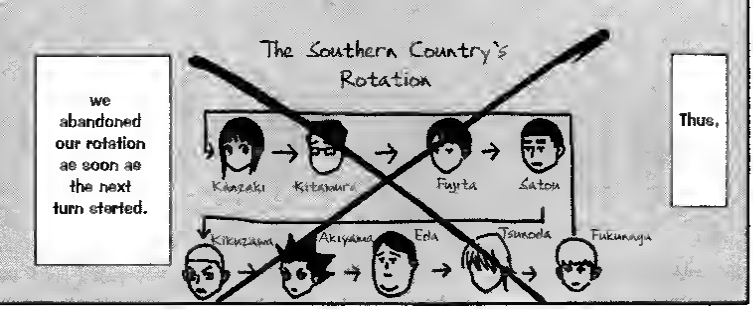
seeing Akiyama show up out of turn would definitely alert them that we're up to something

After all, if we were to stick to the order we've used so far,

Him, so that's why we have to mix up our rotation.

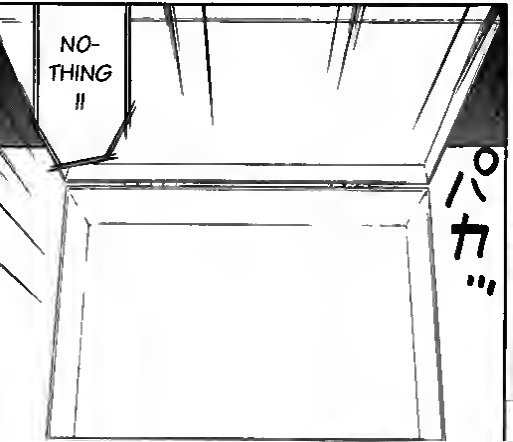
we immediately put the plan into action.

Kitamura, Eda, and Teunoda, if you see any of the guys who tricked you up next,


The Southern Country's Rotation
we abandoned our rotation as soon as the next turn started.
Thus,
Kanzaki
Kitamura
Fujita
Satou
Kikuzawa
Akiyama
Eda
Tsunoda
Fukunaga

Instead, we skipped right to Mr. Eda.
Had we been following our order, the next smuggler would have been Mr. Fujita.

100 MILLION.
DOUBT.


NO-THING !!
バカ!!!

And inside of the trunk, we have... ...
The Northern Country's inspector has called DOUBT on 100 million!!

Fantastic!! The Southern Country's smuggler managed to deceive the inspector, winning him 50 million!!

!

Get a load of that inspector's face.

is the hope that Mr. Akiyama's plan will work.

All our team has left

It's like he couldn't care less that he just lost 50 million

He's so sure that his team's going to win,

Or putting it another way,

Pass

Pass

Empty

Empty

Pass

Pass

Empty

Empty

The moment that any of the men who fooled Mr. Tsunoda, Mr. Eda or Mr. Kitamura got up for their turn, we were ready to implement Mr. Akiyama's plan.

as long as those three people didn't come up for their turn, it was impossible for us to implement the plan.

...and at last.

And waited...

We waited for our chance ...

our chance finally came.

SOUTHERN COUNTRY

Would the Northern Country's smuggler please make his way to the Southern Country at this time?

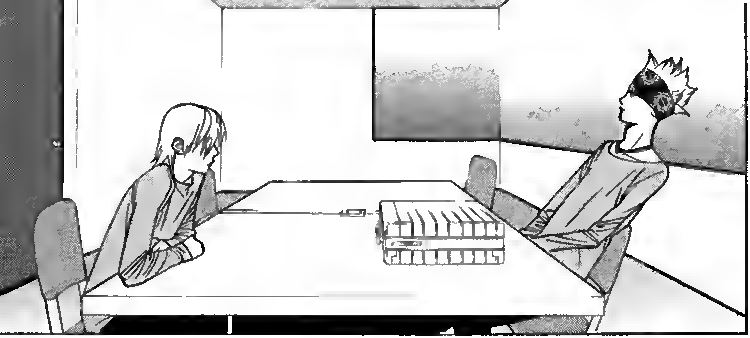
Moving on, we are now at game 23! It is the Northern Country's turn to smuggle!

AAH!! IT'S HIM!!
THAT'S THE GUY WHO TRICKED ME!!

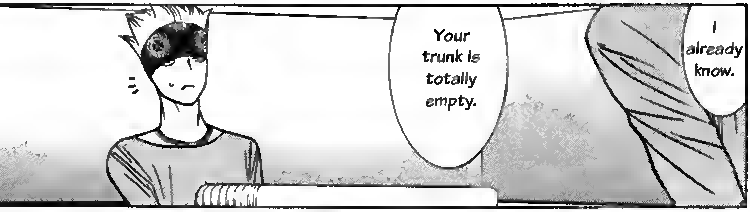
Yes, sir.

Hm

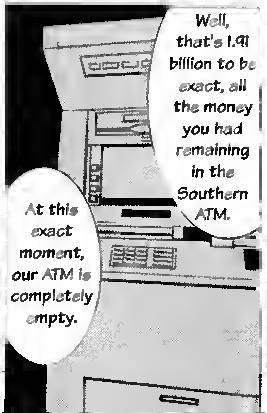
Guess that's my cue.

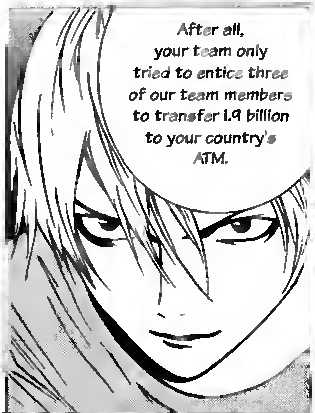


You certainly seem relaxed.
Heh


Your trunk is totally empty.
I already know.

And since you don't have money to withdraw, you can't possibly have any money to carry


Well, that's 1.91 billion to be exact, all the money you had remaining in the Southern ATM.
At this exact moment, our ATM is completely empty.


After all, your team only tried to entice three of our team members to transfer 1.9 billion to your country's ATM.

Word got out, huh?

Hah!

Sheesh... How lame!

And since they just wanted to make money for themselves, we were sure they wouldn't squeal about it.

Those three seemed so stupid, we figured they wouldn't ever realize they were fooled.

'cuz it's too late for you people.

But it doesn't matter,

Looks like you're having fun there!

Ha ha ha

You wanna see why? Kukuku... If you do the math... You'll see in a second! There's only 27 games left, see? So then...

As long as we keep calling doubt on 100 mil, it's impossible for ya'll to win!! Kukuku...

4,228,240,000

Northern ATM

Southern ATM

0

Right now the Northern ATM has 4.2 billion in it, and the Southern one's at zero... Kukuku...

Do you really believe your victory is guaranteed?

But I'd say it's you guys who're stupid.

How sad .. Let me fill you in on what's going on here.

... Huh?

we've got a 100% shot at winning this game!

Thanks to that 1.9 billion you gave us to transfer,

Ku..kuku... True, if everything had went exactly according to your plan, then you guys would have won No doubt about it.

Is your head screwed on right!? No matter what you guys try, there's NOTHING you can do to win!!

What in heavens is Akiyama talking about?

?

WHAT !?

You guys made a fatal mistake.

But here's a news flash:

You ASSUME we deposited all 1.91 billion of that money

Ku ku ku

W-What mistake??

Huh ...!?

...

That 1.91 billion never made it into the Northern Country's ATM!

But we didn't...

No, not at all...

Bluffing? He's taking desperate measures?

He's bluffing.

Oh!!... I see.

What is Akiyama saying!? All of that money was clearly deposited into the ATM earlier!

WHAA AATT !?!

using this game's blind spot to his advantage.

Akiyama is brilliantly

We even checked!! All that money we left there were completely gone after their turns!!

Of course it's not there. We had those three move all the bills.

THEY TOOK IT!! ALL THREE OF THOSE GUYS ON YOUR TEAM DID!!

CUT THE CRAP !!

Ku ku ku

WHAAAT!?

WHAAATT!?

So when you came to us offering money to transfer.. we figured, "It's the same trick!"

I know you guys figured you had us with that amazing plan, but in fact, we had already thought of it.

We HID all of them in a special place.

But we didn't transfer them to the Northern ATM...

and hid all the money away.

That's why we pretended to fall for your offer,

!!

!!

they have no means by which to see how much remains in the Northern one...

Even if their team can see how much money remains in the Southern Country's ATM

And that is the blind spot of this game

Yet the Northern Country has no means to disprove Akiyama's lie

fufuful! Indeed, quite a daring bluff.

Uwa... I can't believe what I'm hearing

...And when is that?

Hm... Let's see...

I promise to tell

When the time comes,

WHERE DID YOU HIDE IT!?!

Oh, come on You really expect me to answer that?

S-SO?! WHERE'S THE MONEY!?!

WHAAA !?!

I'm thinking... at the end of game 50.

Right over here!

That would be the time I can tell you where it is

Where is it?

I can imagine how frantic they'd be. They might even force us all to strip down

And rightfully so, since they'd be 1.91 billion short of the 7.2 billion total they were supposed to have.

At this rate, once they tally up the money at the end of the entire game, I'm sure the LGT reps would start to panic...

The officials would be faced with having to figure out where that money originally belonged...

But you know, there'd still a big problem.

they'd return it to where it would be before you touched it .. Namely, the Southern Country's ATM.

since you guys were the last ones to withdraw that 1.91 billion,

... So, I'm guessing..

Ah, but there's actually an easy solution to that. If they look back through the ATM's computer data, they can figure out who the last people to withdraw all that money were.

So in other words... It would be as if that 1.91 billion never left the Southern ATM in the first place.

So you have no choice but to carry empty trunks for the rest of the game.

Worst of all, you guys have absolutely no access to any of that money.

it's impossible for anyone on your team to raise your outside bank account by even a single yen.

This essentially means

Even if you guys wanted to smuggle, you can't. So at the end of game 50, the results would be...

Our team isn't even going to bother trying to smuggle money any more.

these are our respective standings.

At present,

Northern Country	
Outside Bank Account	1,069,485,000
Northern ATM	2,518,840,000

Southern Country	
Outside Bank Account	1,901,675,000
Southern ATM	1,910,000,000

Total Money Acquired

Like so.

Northern Country

Outside Bank Account 1,069,485,000

Northern ATM 2,318,840,000

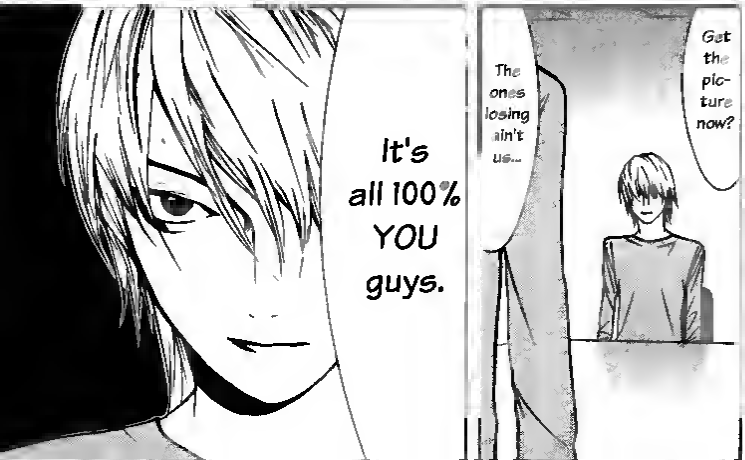
3,388,325,000

Southern Country

Outside Bank Account 1,901,675,000

Southern ATM 1,910,000,000

3,811,675,000

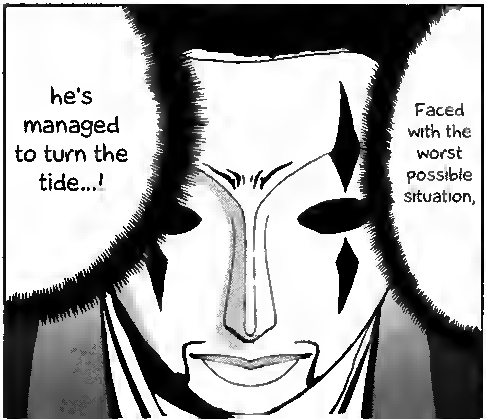


Y-y-you're kidding, right?

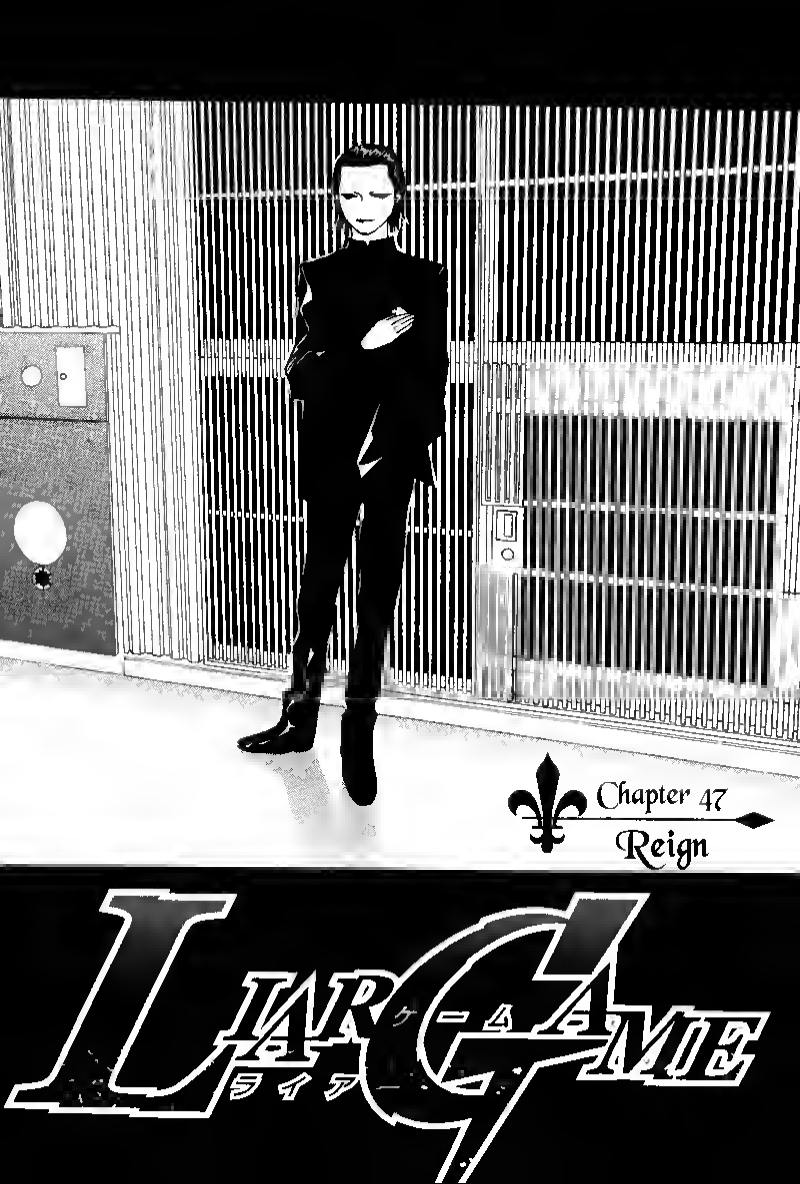
We can't do anything to change this... ???

I'll do whatever you want... so p-please!!

I beg you... at least save me!!



... No...
... Please ...!!
I'll do any-thing...
So please, save me...!
Chapter 47
Reign
What's the matter?
Why are you so afraid?
...B-Because... If he finds out I've botched up then...
who knows what he'll do!?
... You mean Yokoya?
Tell me about it.
Explain to me how your team operates, how Yokoya's threatening you
If you do,
I promise to save you.


Chapter 47
Reign
LIAR GAME
ライアーゲーム

the indisputable ruler of the Northern Country.

...Yokoya is

.....

that goes back to the Revival Round held before this game.

Well...

You're probably wondering how he became our leader in the first place.

since I had been up against every person there during the second game.

Of course, that was expected.

Everyone at the Revival Round had faces I knew from before

CitelBowl

I've come as Watanabe's representative. Pleasure to meet you!

Good day, gentlemen! I'm Yokoya.

That was Yokoya.

But there was one guy I never saw before.

Seeing this new guy, I figured he must've been Watanabe's friend

Just then... I noticed that Watanabe was missing.

Great, so I'll skip to the point.

It was the same game for us.

Since the winner of the second round dropped out, nine of the ten people in our block would win and remain

The Revival Round's game was the "Downsizing Game."

We figured that since he was new and didn't know the point of the game, he was a sitting duck.

Everyone agreed that Yokoya should be the one to go.

We should come up with a voting arrangement so we all vote for each other.
So I have a great idea
If we just vote however we want, it's possible that other people could come up with zero votes like Yokoya
Hey guys
Sounds good!
That way, we'll all get an equal number of votes and Yokoya will take the fall.
What is it?
Wha...
Got a moment?
Hey—
he paid me a visit.
!?
With my win guaranteed, I was already thinking about the the third round.
Just then
!?
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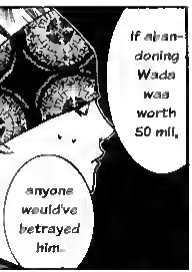
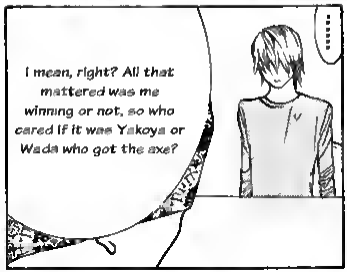
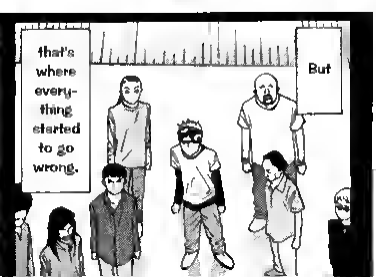
!!!
No way...!?
N-
So in exchange, would you give me your five votes?
I have 50 million on me.
already promised my votes to Weda.
But... I...
Then just forget about that promise!
What is?
Wha-
This money will surely be of much use to you.
You're 100 million yen in debt from the second round, right?

This is the LIAR GAME,

a game where you deceive others, isn't it?







YOKOYA NORIHIKO

[illegible] KAKERU

[illegible] MAKOTO

[illegible] KOUTA

[illegible] EIICHI

[illegible]

[illegible] TATSUJI

IKEZOE KENJI

SHIBAYAMA YUJUSUKE

HASEGAWA HIROSHI

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WHAT'S GOING ON!?

Wha-

You guys fell for it completely

KU KU KU

In the end, you all sold me your votes.

You all tried to work together to get me fired, but...

Fufufu! Humans are, after all, creatures of desire!

What that says to me is that anyone who acquires 51 votes automatically wins.

this game has ten voting rounds, and the rules state that one out of us ten will be fired

Now then,

Right now, I have 45 votes.. With six more, I win
Or to put it another way.
I'm six votes short of certain victory.
What I'm saying is that
If you people work together this time,
you still have a chance to get rid of me.
We'll see
whether or not that will actually happen.
Let's get rid of 'im!!
That bastard pisses me off!!
I say we stick to the plan we already made for the rest of the nine rounds!!
If we do we'll be able to ditch Yokoya!
Yeah, I second that.
Let's get Yokoya the hell out of here!
Our group decision wasn't incredibly emphatic, though.
Reason being, we had already betrayed each other once.
Who could trust
a bunch of guys like

Yes or no?

I'll give you another 20 million.

the results of the second round were announced

Later,

YOKOYA NORIHIKO	90
TAJIMA [illegible]	2
MURATA MAKOTO	1
[illegible] KOUTA	1
[illegible] EIICHI	1
[illegible]	1
WADA TATSUJI	1
IKEZOE KENJI	1
[illegible] YUUSUKE	1

You people are so simple to understand.

KU KU KU KU!

.....

!!!

!!

Which one of YOU will be fired now?

...Which raises the question:

I owe my victory all to that.

Faced with temptation, you become magnificently obedient

!

!

KU KU KU!

Hmm... I wonder who it will be?

...So how about this?

I have a total of 40 - or, 39 votes over what I need. That makes those extra votes nothing but useless filler

90
0
1
1
1
1
1
1
1
1

Earlier, I mentioned that 51 votes is all that is needed to win... and on that note,

But let me give you some good news

I offer to sell these 39 useless votes, along with all of my votes for the remaining eight rounds, to anyone who wants them. All together, that's 39 plus 40, or 79 available votes.

Whoever wants them, be my guest.

Naturally I'll only sell them to the highest bidder.

At first, I didn't really understand what Yokoya was doing.

Yokoya's votes suddenly took on great value.

Here are the seventh round standings!!

SUKE

SHI

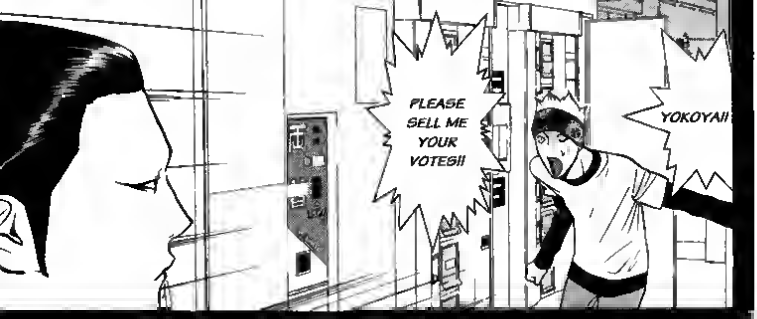
ICHI

As that kept up,

...But as the game went on, things grew way more tense.

Here are the third round standings!!

TAJIMA KAKERU	8
MURATA MAKOTO	8
SHIRAYAMA YUUSUKE	7
HASEGAWA HIROSHI	7
AKAGI KOUTA	6
NAKADATE EIICHI	6
TSUMURA AKIRA	6
WADA TATSUJI	6
IKEZOE KENJI	6


PLEASE SELL ME YOUR VOTES!!
YOKOYA!!

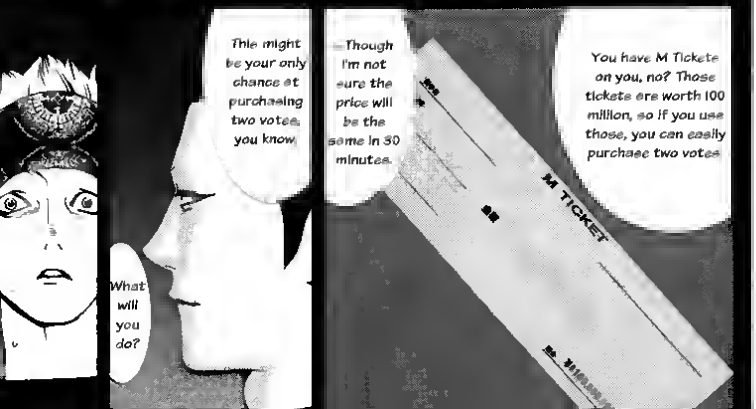
WHA AAT !?

They're yours for just 50 mill in a vote.

However the scores are awfully close. With just two votes, you can tie for the top
Let's see, right now you're in... last place, hm?

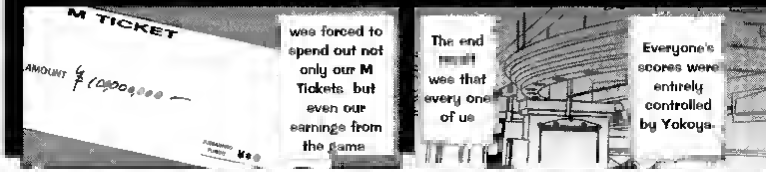
What can I say? Market value changes from moment to moment

A little while ago you were selling three votes for 70 million!!
M-fold on! That's way too expensive!


This might be your only chance at purchasing two votes, you know.
Though I'm not sure the price will be the same in 30 minutes.
You have M Tickets on you, no? Those tickets are worth 100 million, so if you use those, you can easily purchase two votes.
M TICKET
What will you do?

... two votes please
I'll... buy them

Yokoya had taken over the entire game


M TICKET
AMOUNT ¥ (10000,000 —
was forced to spend out not only our M Tickets but even our earnings from the game
The end [redacted] was that every one of us
Everyone's scores were entirely controlled by Yokoya.

Not only did he use all the money given to him from the game, he even wrote up a promissory note to pay an additional 10 million out of his personal retirement fund
Well, a salaryman named Nakadate was the one who paid Yokoya the most
...So what about the game?

Thank you so very much!!
Thank you so much!
So basically, Nakadate ended the game with 10 million profit.
But Yokoya put him in last place and paid him 220 million.

I show no mercy to those who betray me.

However,

I fairly repay those who are willing to make sacrifices and maintain their loyalty.

See that, gentlemen?

I, too, plan to continue participating.

As you know we nine will now be moving on to the third game.

Just as I helped Mr. Nakadate here.

If you do, then I, too, will extend myself to help you.

Expend yourselves loyally in my service.

If you want to be saved in the third round, the answer is simple.

I will send them straight to hell.

However, those whose work is shady, or who show a lack of loyalty...

You see?

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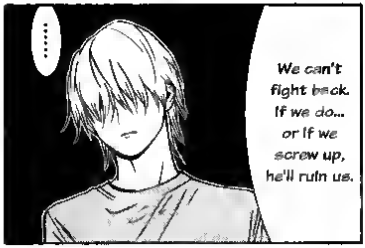
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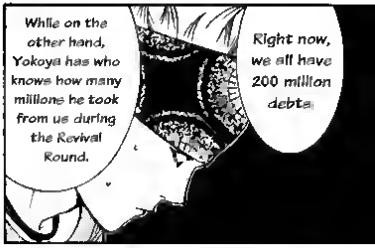
We can't fight back. If we do... or if we screw up, he'll ruin us.


While on the other hand, Yokoya has who knows how many millions he took from us during the Revival Round.
Right now, we all have 200 million debts.

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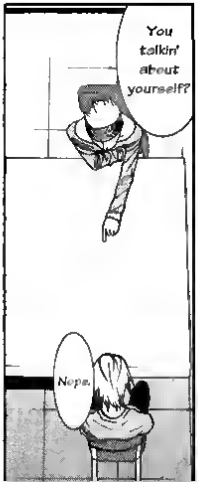
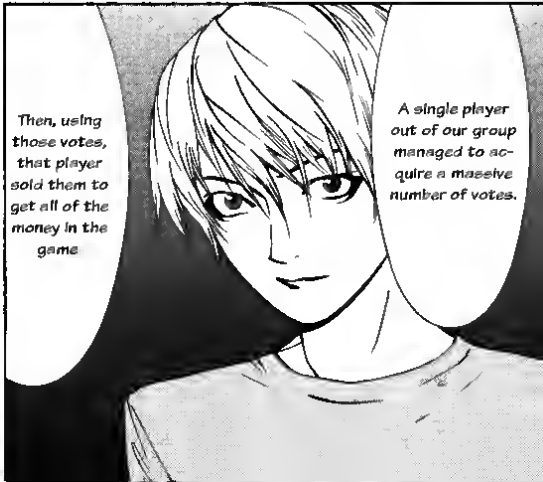
were almost exactly like what we had in ours.
The things that went on in your Revival Round
Fascinating.


You talkin' about yourself?
Nope.


Then, using those votes, that player sold them to get all of the money in the game.
A single player out of our group managed to acquire a massive number of votes.

EH!?

THAT GIRL ...!?!

It was actually Kanzaki Nao.

NO WAY !?

She repaid every player in the Revival Round with the money that she had earned.

But here's where we're different.

And get this. to the single player who treated her kindly, she gave him 200 million and made him lose.

"And that is the key to winning the LIAR GAME."

"Everyone can be saved as long as no player is in it to win for themselves."

Well, she had this to say

Why!? After getting her hands on all those millions?!

It's a game that tests whether you can overcome temptation and remain an honest individual. Those were her words

The LIAR GAME is not about rewarding the best liar

That's the kind of person our country's boss is like.
.....

Huh?
COME!

.....

Joining us is the only way you'll be saved!

Come to our side!

Chapter 48
Prearranged

was taking a very long time in the customs office...

Mr Akiyama

Don't tell me Akiyama wasn't able to persuade him!

...The ten minutes are almost up

BA

That was his plan to turn the game around...

By claiming that the Northern Country no longer had any chance to win, Mr. Akiyama hoped to entice the bandana-wearing player over to our side.

They're done talking!!

!!

...?

OOUBT, 100 MIL-LION.

WHAAAA AAAAAT!?

WHA-

IT'S EMPTY!

And what lies inside the trunk. ?

It doesn't make any sense!! He knows their trunks can only be empty!!

WAIT!! Why is Akiyama calling doubt!?

50 million is awarded to the Northern Country!!!

The Southern Country's inspector has erroneously called OOUBT!

What happened in there?

What's going on?

.....

BEAT!?! OH, I'LL SHOW YOU BEAT!!!!

I'm beat.

Whew

YOU JUST FORKED OVER 50 MILLION OF OUR PRECIOUS MONEY!!

WHAT'S WITH CALLING DOUBT BACK THERE, HUH!?

Calm down!

All according to plan.

Was Mr. Bandana willing to betray his own team?

More importantly, how did it go?

So we can relax now right?

Whoa, whoa. It's not that simple.

Thank goodness!

We were a bit worried the plan might have failed...

I can confidently say he's completely on our side.

Their team is being sorely oppressed by Yakoya, just as I had imagined.

I had him hook, line, and sinker. He jumped right at my offer.

Now comes the hard part.

All I've done is destroy the notion that our team is going to lose.

It's not that simple.

So just get him to transfer all 4.2 billion in the Northern ATM to the Southern one!!

How come? Didn't the bandana guy say he'd betray his team!?

Eh!?

"We've hidden all 1.4 billion of the money you tried to get us to transfer. Since that money originally belonged to the Southern ATM, it's going to end as if you guys never took the money out in the first place."

This is what I told Bandana Man:

Look

Outside Bank Account	Northern Country	1,119,485,000
	Southern Country	1,851,675,000
ATM	Northern Country	4,228,840,000
	Southern Country	0

This is the money balance between our teams at present.

ATM

Northern Country
2,318,840,000

Southern Country
1,910,000,000 (hidden away)

So in his mind, the present situation looks like this.

...Logically, then, we can only get him to carry 2.3 billion at most.

Since you've already told him that the 1.9 billion will go to us in the end, to ask him to carry 4.2 billion would be inconsistent.

I see

2 318 840K

As an example assume that 2.3 billion is transferred from the Northern to the Southern ATM in this situation.

It seems that way, but it's not.

But ain't 2.3 billion plenty enough to beat them??

Dude, we still win!!

Not quite.

What you have is this.

Outside Bank Account

Northern Country
1,119,485,000

Southern Country
1,851,675,000

ATM

Northern Country
1,910,000,000

Southern Country
2,318,840,000

Northern Country Grand Total 3,029,485,000

Southern Country Grand Total 4,170,515,000

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Northern Country
1,119,485,000

Southern Country
1,851,675,000

ATM

Northern Country
1,910,000,000

Even though we have more money, our outside bank account is higher.

.. Which means

that our team will be forced to proceed to the next round.

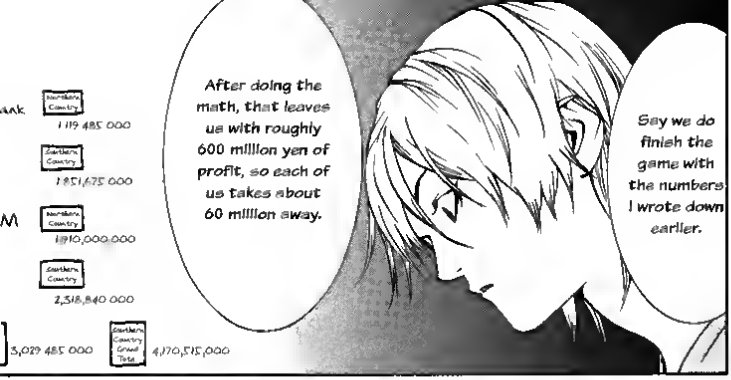
As the general rules state, dropping out requires paying half the prize money from this round.

But what about dropping out? With this much money, surely we can drop out!

This game is not only about making more money, but also losing the match

. Oh.. I forgot!

AH!


Say we do finish the game with the numbers I wrote down earlier.
After doing the math, that leaves us with roughly 600 million yen of profit, so each of us takes about 60 million away.
Northern Country
1,119,485,000
Southern Country
1,851,675,000
Northern Country
1,910,000,000
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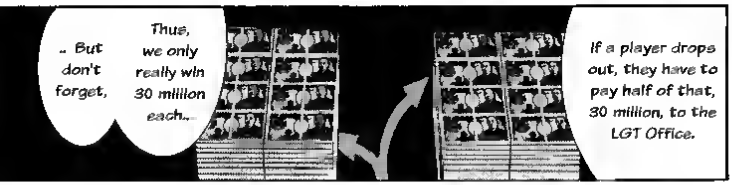
4,170,515,000


If a player drops out, they have to pay half of that, 30 million, to the LGT Office.
Thus, we only really win 30 million each...
.. But don't forget,

each of you guys has a 100 million debt from the 2nd round.
And you can't pay it off.
!!

... So you're saying we'd have no choice but to enter the fourth round anyway
Anything but that ...!
... So,
what do you propose, Mr Akiyama?
COUNTRY

We need to concentrate on lowering our outside bank account to below that of the Northern team.

For starters,

It's easier than you think.

SOUTHERN COUNTRY

Can we really do that?

... So, lose on purpose?

Since their trunks can only be empty at this point, that amounts to +50 million for their outside bank account and -50 million for ours.

we'll keep calling "Doubt, 100 million," on our inspection turns.

South

DOUBT 100 MIL.

North

Then every time they call doubt, their outside bank account will go up 100 million since we're carrying that much?

... And in addition to that,

Since the Northern Country believes there's 4.2 billion in their ATM, they'll call "Doubt, 100 million," with extreme frequency.

First, we'll start carrying 100 million every time we smuggle.

South

DOUBT 100 MIL.

North

Sample Calculation
For the purposes of illustration, assume 6 games have passed. The Northern inspector has called, "Doubt, 100 million," four times and passed twice.

Changes in the Outside Bank Accounts

Northern Country

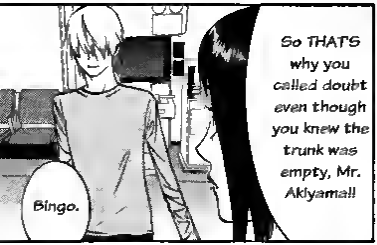
+400 mil +300 mil = +700 mil

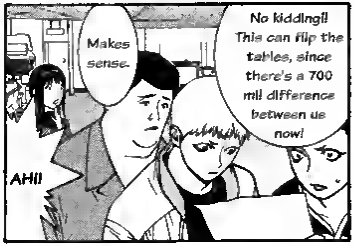
Southern Country

+200 mil -300 mil = -100 mil

(...with the Southern Country's inspectors all calling, "Doubt, 100 million," every turn)

If we keep up this pace, I predict that somewhere around six to seven games later, the Northern Country's account will be higher than ours.





Outside Accounts

Northern Country

1,119,485,000 + 700,000,000 = 1,819,485,000

Southern Country

1,851,675,000 - 100,000,000 = 1,751,675,000

ATM

Northern Country

4,228,840,000 - 600,000,000 = 3,628,840,000

(But Bandana Man thinks it's really 1,718,840,000)

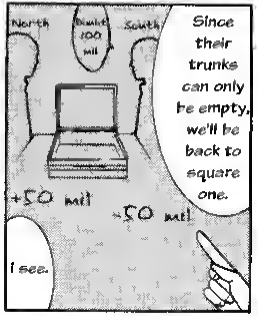
Southern Country

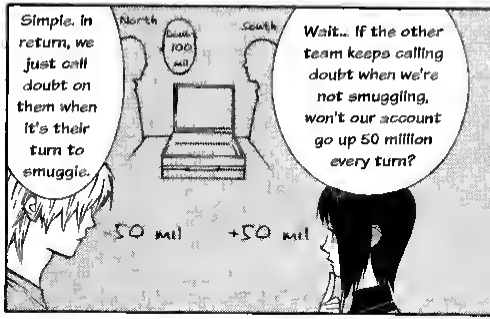
0

Also... in line with the numbers from that sample calculation, here's what the money balance would become.

If we simply stop smuggling altogether, nothing will change the situation back.

Once we manage to get the North's outside bank account above ours, we're in the clear.





Once bandana man has carried the 1,718,840,000:

Northern Country

ATM 1,910,000,000

Southern Country

1,718,840,000

It's no problem

If we could just get one more ally, and get 3.4 billion, then...

Nnngh.. 1.7 billion ...?

Outside Accounts

Northern Country 1,819 485,000

Southern Country 1,751,675,000

Northern Country

ATM 3,428,840,000

(But Bandana Man thinks it's really 1,718 840,000)

Southern Country

0

But, hey

Since that bandana guy thinks that the Northern ATM's only got 1.7 billion in it, we can only get him to carry that much, right?

I'm also going to talk the other two into it.

I wasn't intending to only get bandana man on our side.

Are you sure about this?

It's not all that difficult to persuade the other two... but...

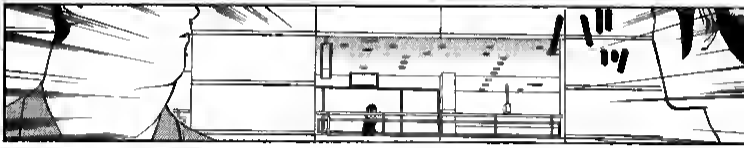
It'd be for nothing if after finally getting someone to agree to carry money, we don't meet again since his turn doesn't come up for the rest of the game.

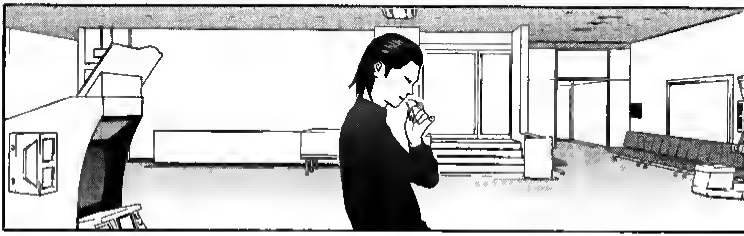
Let's not be greedy here; two's enough!

YOU PLAN ON LURING ALL THREE OF THEM!?

No... You're forgetting about the nature of their rotation.

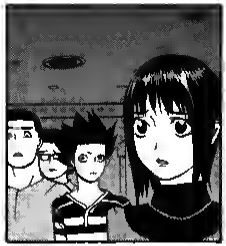
The hardest part is how to keep this plan moving without Yokoya catching on to it.





Our team lost no time putting Mr. Akiyama's plan into action.
In the blink of an eye, our scores had narrowed.
Just as he thought, the Northern inspectors kept calling doubt.
DOUBT 100 MIL LION
Finally, in game 26, the long haired man showed up as inspector.

Without skipping a beat, Mr. Akiyama went as our smuggler in an attempt to persuade him...



KNOCK IT OFF!! If they see you cheering, it'll give us away!!

YAA HOO !!!

They still believe you three haven't told the team about transferring the money!!

Tsunoda! Eda! Kita-mura!!

Stop acting friendly around us!!

You need to keep your distancee, like your coneciences are bothering you!!

Okay.

O-

Keep my distance.

Keep my distance.

Some-
thing...
isn't
right.

Status Up Until Halfway Through Game 23	Outside Bank Account	N 1,069,485,000	N 4,228,845,000
		S 1,901,675,000	S 0

GAME 23	Outside Account +50 mil	Empty	Doubt 100 mil		Outside account -50 mil
GAME 24	Outside Account +100 mil	Doubt 100 mil	100 mil		N ATM -100 mil
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	Outside Account +50 mil	Empty	Doubt 100 mil		Outside account -50 mil
GAME 26	Outside Account +100 mil	Doubt 100 mil	100 mil		N ATM -100 mil

Current Standings	Outside Bank Account	N 1,519,485,000	N 3,928,840,000
		S 1,751,675,000	S 0

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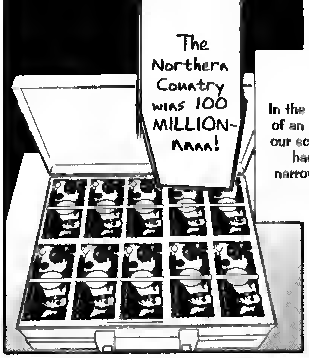
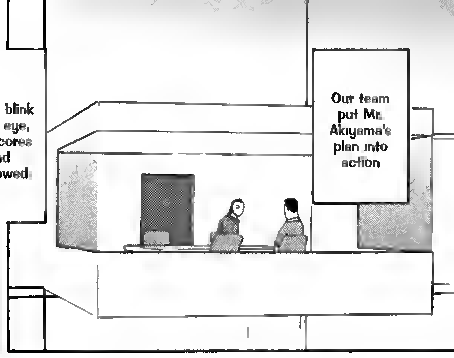
Chapter 49
Snitch


The Northern Country was 100 MILLION-AAAA!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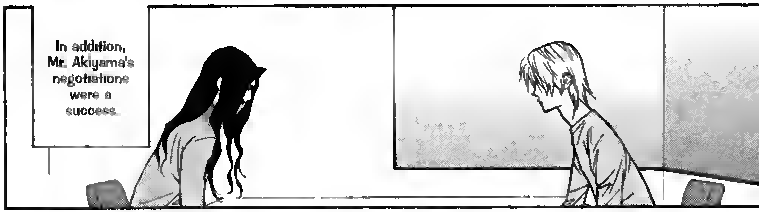
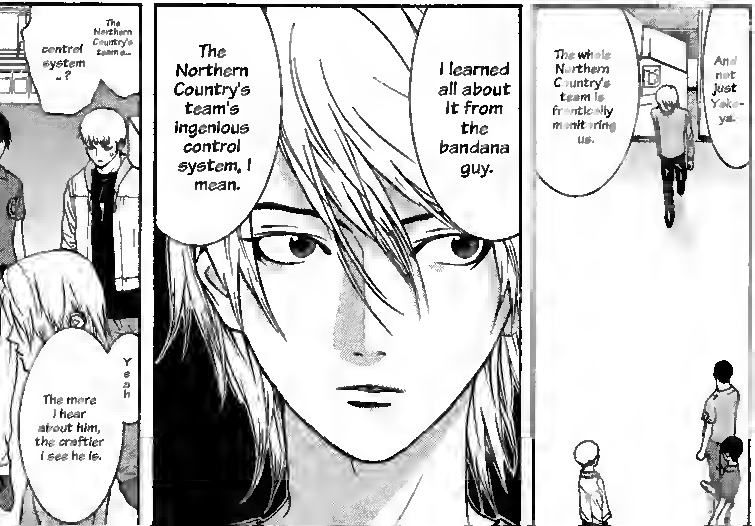

In addition, Mr. Akiyama's negotiations were a success.

Everything was going according to plan.

Mr. Akiyama was still cautious, as always.
. . But .
HI

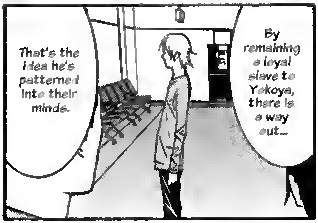
Hey!

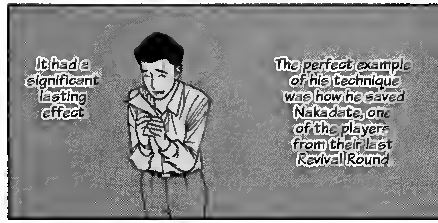
Don't hang around the windows.



If I had to sum it up, Yokoya's approach is

a very twisted kind of stick-and-carrot.





I will only return them when your turn comes to smuggle.

Give me all of your cards.

YOU TRYIN' TO TAKE ALL THE MONEY FOR YOURSELF?!

HELL NO!

...Huh?

Yokoya will hold all of our cards!

...

On that topic

Winning this game is simple. but only if you obey me and carry money as I direct.

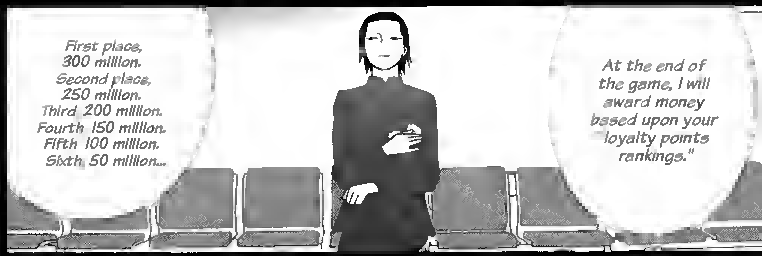
Please, I have no such stingy intentions. After all, if we don't win, there's no money for me to take

right?

I'm going to assign each of you "loyalty points" during this game.

Every time you obey an instruction you are awarded one point. If you successfully smuggle money, you get five points. Fail, you lose five points.
Just as the name implies, they are points that quantify just how loyally you've obeyed my instructions.
Loyalty points?

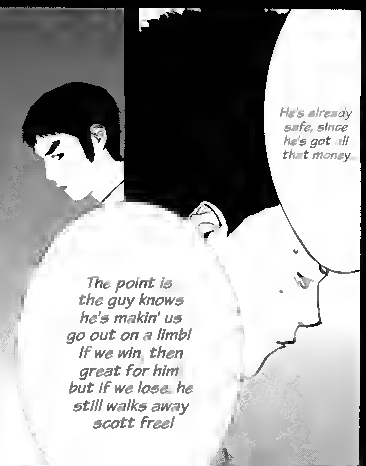
...That last one is certainly sweet, isn't it?
Act against my instructions, and you lose ten points. Find someone else displaying an attitude of defiance, win ten points.


First place, 300 million. Second place, 250 million. Third, 200 million. Fourth, 150 million. Fifth, 100 million. Sixth, 50 million...
At the end of the game, I will award money based upon your loyalty points rankings."

You are all shouldering a 200 million debt, so unless you aim for the top, you won't be able to pay it... hsehsehse...
Seventh and eighth place gets NOTHING.

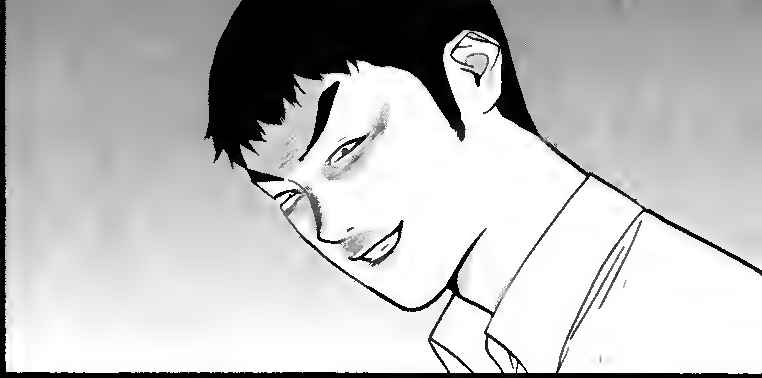
Doing so frequently will lead you to a fast victory... heeheehee.
If you spot anyone showing a disturbing trend, get their voice on tape and report it to me.
I have enough for everyone.
This is a tape recorder.

Look, we can't argue with him because we're 200 million in debt.
NORTHERN COUNT
And on top of that, "Loyalty Points"?! What the hell?
I can't believe that bastard took all our cards


He's already safe, since he's got all that money.
The point is the guy knows he's makin' us go out on a limb! If we win, then great for him but if we lose, he still walks away scott free!

Is winning this game really as easy as just listening to Yoko-ya?!?
So what should we do?!
Of course he was bluffing, dude!!

What'll happen to us if we lose?
Who knows? Probably shipped off somewhere to do forced labor for the rest of our lives or risk our hides doing dangerous shit like transporting narcotics.
Whatever it is, it ain't exactly legal that's for sure.



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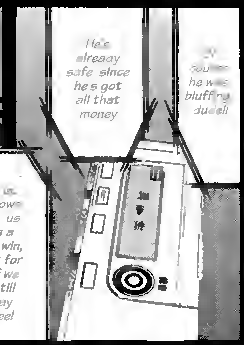

He's already safe since he's got all that money
So he's bluffing dude!!

Thank you, sir
I'm giving you ten points, which puts you in the lead for the time being.
hee hee hee... Nice work.
!?

Mae-ter...
Y-ko-yal?

I've always been one of Master Yokoya's loyal servants

YOU SONUVA...
Back-stabbed you! What are you talking about?
YOU BACK-STABBED ME!!

Stay this way
and you're dead
While on the other hand, you LOSE ten points.
You're in last place, for now.
SPLENDID!! The Southern Country's inspector has just taken back 100 million yen—!!
AAaa-aa-!!
As an addi-tional punish-ment...
According to the rules, you lose five points.
Sigh... you just gave away our 100 million.
...For-give me...

!!!
any of you, give this dimwit five solid punches.

Hey

I'll give ten points to whoever does it.

GWAH!!
heh heh heh

!!

I'LL DO IT.
hee hee hee
Humans being controlled are so...
amusing!
The Northern Country had become a pack of whistle-blowers.
Betrayal.
Revenge.
No one was able to trust anyone else.
All at once, players didn't even bother speaking to one another anymore.

grew even more solidified.

The result was that Yokoya's firm dictatorship

That doesn't make any sense!!

How terrible!

Since the whole team's been thrown into personal no one has any idea how many points the others have.

That point ranking is merely Yokoya's tool to maintain control

There's no such thing as last place!

You're slow as always!

If they've got a point ranking, then why don't the guys in last place just get together and throw a coup d'etat??

...S...basically, it's a trick that makes everyone more and more loyal to Mr. Yokoya?

Fourth place is perfect because one screw-up could land you in last place, whereas an act of merit could send you to the top...

If I had to guess, he's probably telling every one they're in fourth place.

Yokoya's assigning made-up rankings as he sees fit to each individual player.

How true...

Well, that's not the reason why, but...

the fact that no one on the team can trust anyone else.

The Northern Country's team members are certainly being tormented seeing how they're unable to escape Yokoya's evil rule. But even worse than that is..

Damn that Yokoya! Friggin' sly bastard!!

"We want the three of you to become our allies."

I told both Bandana Man and the long-haired guy,

I mean, isn't the only way to get these people to carry money is because they'd each think, "I'm the only one allied to the Southern Country!?"

YOU'RE KIDDING!? DOESN'T THAT PUT US IN DANGER?!

WHAT !?

...True..

Think about it. They are disconnected because of the team's paranoia.

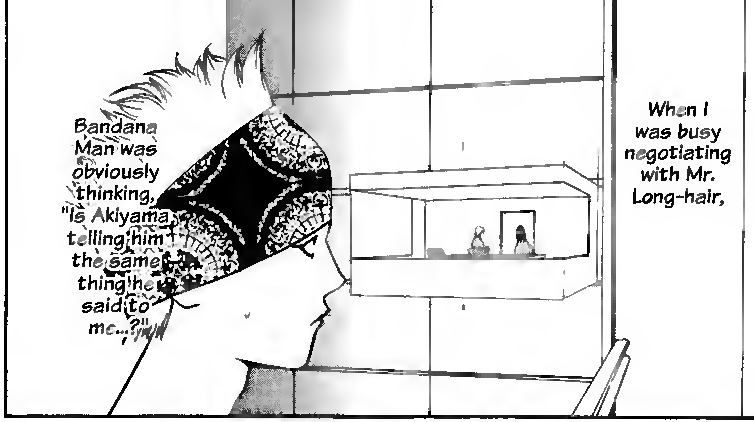
If these players want to be saved, they'll have no choice but to join us and carry the rest of the money

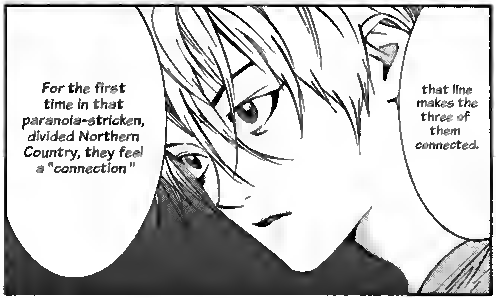
Because by that time, our countries' money balance will have inverted.

HUH ?!

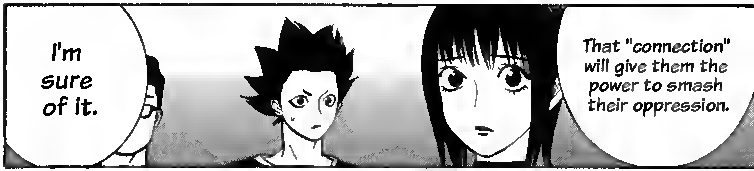
Once we do get one of them to carry money, it's fine to 'fess up and say "We were lying about hiding the 1/9 billion."

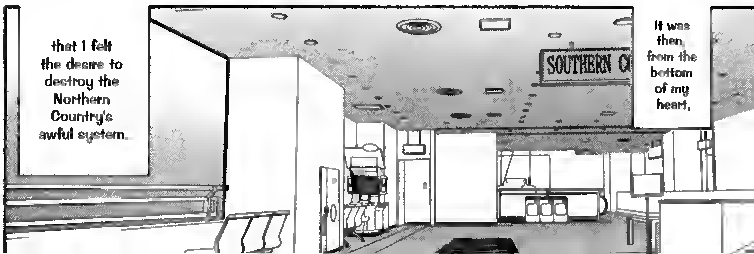
Since you're telling 'em, "Three of your team members are allies,' then it'll be impossible to get them to carry the 1/9 billion we've claimed to hide!!


Bandana Man was obviously thinking, "Is Akiyama telling him the same thing he said to me...?"
When I was busy negotiating with Mr. Long-hair,


For the first time in that paranoia-stricken, divided Northern Country, they feel a "connection."
that line makes the three of them connected.

...And most important of all,
So the safest thing to do is just tell them from the start, 'We want the three of you to become our allies.'


I'm sure of it.
That "connection" will give them the power to smash their oppression.


that I felt the desire to destroy the Northern Country's awful system.
It was then, from the bottom of my heart,
SOUTHERN C

All it required was Mr. Akiyama's plan to succeed, assuming we keep Mr. Yokoya from noticing it.

That wasn't a difficult thing to do anymore

First, we intentionally let the Northern Country win by making their outside bank account higher

Mr. Akiyama's plan was two-fold

we have three allies on the Northern Country's team transfer all their ATM's money into the Southern Country's ATM for us

Second,

The difference in our scores is now just about 200 million... meaning...

Doubt 100mil

Empty

Doubt 100mil

Outside Bank Account 50 mil

And we are now just a step away from realizing the first part of that plan.

Current Standings

Outside Bank Account
N 1,569,485,000
S 1,701,675,000

ATM
N 3,928,84
S 0

If their team calls, "Doubt, 100 million," on our next turn to smuggle,

we'll turn this thing around on our next inspection turn!!

YIP-PEE-----!

We're going to be able to flip our scores sooner than expected!

Phew...! That'll be stage one clear!

Then we can concentrate on what to do with the three other players!

Haha—! Victory's right around the corner!!

However, shortly after that...

something unthinkable happened

DOUBT...

99 MILLION, 990 THOUSAND.

.....

...HUH ?!!

What... did he just say!?

...Um, "Doubt, 99 million 990 thousand," I think.

SOooo—! What does the Southern Country's trunk contain...?

100 MIL-LION!!

149,995,000 yen will be awarded to their account outside the country—!!

The Southern Country's smuggling attempt was a success!!

It's Yakoya

..Crap.

He's come to ruin our plan...

LIAR GAME 5 (END)

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